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AMERICAN WARSHIPS OFF THE YANGTSE

Two destroyers join the Flying Arrow ANOTHER SHIP TO TRY TO BEAT BLOCKADE

The Shanghai blockade situation has taken a new turn with the arrival yesterday of two United States destroyers at the scene of the shelling of the Isbrandtsen freighter Flying Arrow off the Yangtse and the announcement that another American ship, the Brooklyn Heights, has cleared in Hong Kong for Shanghai.

It is reported that the two American destroyers will remain to escort the Flying Arrow to any port but Shanghai.

The Brooklyn Heights, carrying a similar cargo to the Flying Arrow, is expected to leave Hong Kong today in an endeavour to run the Nationalist blockade.

Wayne Richardson, Associated Press correspondent aboard the Flying Arrow, radioed last night. Two United States destroyers, the Bussell and the Stickle, anchored near the shell-battered freighter late today while a Chinese Nationalist gunboat hovered on the horizon.

The destroyers steamed here to help patch up the riddled Flying

Arrow for whatever is in store for her in the future. The ship was hit by 30 to 40 Nationalist gunboat shells in international waters yesterday. She was about 20 miles off the Chinese mainland when the attack started. Her master, Captain David Jones, of Chicago, says the shells rendered her unseaworthy. He asked for a U.S. naval escort to the nearest port for repair.

Shanghai, where she was bound with a general cargo worth \$10,000,000, is the nearest port. The way there has been mined by Nationalist naval craft. Lieutenant (jg) C. L. Stuart boarded the Flying Arrow from the Stickle and was shown the damage by Captain Jones. The lieutenant said the two destroyers would remain here as long as the Flying Arrow and the American State Department desired and said escort would be provided to any port but Shanghai.

Election date out today?

London, January 10. The Cabinet met for an hour and a half this morning. The meeting was expected to decide the terms of an almost immediate announcement of the general election date.

Usually well-informed quarters suggest that an official statement on timing will be made within the next 12 hours.

February 23 as the election date is the strongest tip today of all political commentators. Observers suggest that the first official news may be the issue of a Royal proclamation postponing the re-opening of Parliament from January 24 to a date beyond polling day.

It may be followed by another proclamation dissolving Parliament 17 clear days ahead of the polling date.

The customary official silence was preserved on the 90-minute Cabinet meeting and on the prospect of possible developments from it.

Political quarters, fully expecting that the Government's plans will be out tomorrow, predict that the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, will issue a fairly comprehensive statement.

They suggest the last-minute probability of the dissolution of Parliament on February 3 with polling on February 25.

Before Mr. Attlee ended the Cabinet meeting, at which he disclosed his election secrets to his colleagues, there were two significant early departures.

Viscount Jowitt, Lord Chancellor, and the Home Secretary, Mr. Chuter Ede, who are both concerned with the constitutional arrangements, left hurriedly half an hour before the close. —Reuter.

"Elsie Moller" off S'hai

A Royal Navy spokesman in Hong Kong said last night that they had received no policy statement from London on protection for British merchant ships breaking the Nationalist blockade.

A British merchant ship, the *Elsie Moller*, was reported yesterday to be anchored off the mouth of the Yangtze River, waiting to enter Shanghai.

Associated Press says that Admiral Kwei Yung-ching, Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Navy, conferred in Taipei on Sunday with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, and the action against the Flying Arrow was immediately approved by Nationalist quarters.

It is reported in Taipei as a test case, foreshadowing similar action against British merchantmen if they attempt to trade with Shanghai.

Replying to questions from the Associated Press, Admiral Kwei clearly indicated that the Nationalists intend to continue what they call the "port closure" at all costs.

U.S. Admiral's statement

(In Bangkok, Thailand, Vice-Admiral Russell S. Barkley, Commander of the U.S. Seventh Task Force, said naval craft will protect American merchantmen on the high seas, but not inside Chinese territorial waters. (There has been no comment from the State Department in Washington.)

Members of the crew and the women, awoke this morning to see two Nationalist warships two to three miles away. A little further away was the British frigate Black Swan, which helped yesterday to extinguish fires started by the Nationalist gunboat shells. The Flying Arrow made no move to try to leave her anchorage, which is still out in international waters. The morning of the attack, I got up early to watch the arrival

Big blaze

I went to the radio shack, where operator Lawrence C. Kiosowski, of New York, was at the key to send any distress messages. We were talking when suddenly we began hearing shells come over. Then I went to the port side and saw them splashing into the water. Some looked like three-inchers. Returning hurriedly to the radio room, we started counting them and got up to 38 when someone shouted that the after deck was afire.

The shelling continued, however, and the ship was hit in many places. There was a big blaze on the after deck, not far from big jars of acid with "danger" tags on them. It was quite a feeling of elation when that fire was extinguished.

But in the meantime, another blaze had started in nearby Number Five hold. The crew, under Captain Jones, tackled this bigger problem, letting many barrels of cotton, lime and cases of banknote paper.

The fire could have been worse. On each side of the deck were around 200 glass jars of chemicals bearing signs that they were dangerous. Also on the deck were a few drums of kerosene and other combustibles.

In Number Four hold, well-partitioned from the blazing Number Five hold, were 3,000 drums of Diesel oil.

Cargo damage

The fire in the Number Five caused 15 per cent damage to the cargo.

The motor line to the steering engine was cut, fresh water from the after peak tank was lost, and there was a hole in the connecting arm from the steering mechanism to the rudder.

The Isbrandtsen Steamship Company has radioed an encouragement to the Master of the Flying Arrow.

The message read: "We are happy no one hurt. We appreciate you all doing your duty as you saw it. We increased over the act of cowardice displayed will wake up and come to realise what we are attempting to fight for. We will have to lick our wounds for a day or two and await developments."

Taipei statement

In Taipei, Nationalist China's Navy chief said "If the Flying Arrow had not belonged to a friendly power, we would have let her steam into mined areas so as to prove how effective our mining is."

The statement was made to newsmen by Admiral Kwei Yung-ching, Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Navy. He said he had given every possible warning to the American freighter from sailing for Shanghai, but these warnings were completely ignored. He said he was happy to learn no casualties had been caused aboard the Flying Arrow.

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London hails 1950



For the first time in many years London's Piccadilly Circus blazed in all the brilliance of pre-war New Year's Eve when millions of citydwellers and out-of-town visitors greeted the second half of the century on December 31. Traditional hub of the revelry, the Eros Statue—was protected against light-hearted onslaughts on its respectability by a wooden hoarding. In previous New Year celebrations, the statue has greeted the merrymakers with lingerie, policemen's helmets and useful household utensils. Photo shows general view of the crowds in Piccadilly Circus at midnight as the city's bells count out the 1940's for all time. (AP photo).

LARGE REWARD OFFERED FOR BANK ROBBERS

The Chase Bank yesterday offered a reward of \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest of any of the six robbers who on Monday afternoon robbed the bank of nearly \$430,000, and of \$15,000 for the arrest of all the gang.

Mr. E. C. Luscombe, Director of Criminal Intelligence, told the "China Mail" that the police had not yet made any arrests but were pursuing their investigations.

He declared that the Bank's decision to post a large reward had nothing to do with the determination of the police to solve the most sensational robbery in the Colony's history.

Mr. Luscombe supported the opinion of the manager of the Chase Bank that the robbery was a very clever piece of work. He said he declined to advance any opinion on the crime, but believed that the robbers were in a class by themselves and did not belong to the category of armed robbers common in Hong Kong.

The smoothness of the incident indicated a well-thought out plan, and the Director of Criminal Investigation said he felt sure the robbers must have mapped out their line of campaign to the last detail. They were lost in the afternoon traffic of Queen's Road Central even before the police arrived on the scene.

Asked if he thought this robbery involved "inside work," Mr. Luscombe said: "No. This is definitely not inside work. We investigated that angle thoroughly."

In the Chase Bank yesterday an atmosphere of intense excitement prevailed. Most employees had not got over the shock of the robbery, and could be seen huddled in groups of two or three discussing it.

Arrests expected
Criticism of the official police investigation that one-way traffic resulted in their delayed arrival at the scene of the crime took the line that in an emergency, of this sort, the police would be within their rights to ignore traffic regulations.

One member of the Bank staff told the "China Mail" that if all the by-paths leading out of Queen's Road had been blocked by effective police action as soon as the alarm was sounded, the robbers probably would not have got away.

Investigations yesterday showed that as a result of the incident, many centrally-located banks offered a re-check of their alarm systems. A few even contemplated increasing the strength of their armed watchmen.

The police, however, are confident of tracking arrests soon, and are maintaining their vigilance on all communications arteries to and from the Colony. They said valuable experience had been gained from the incident, which was unprecedented.

The Suez Canal will cease to pay tolls after April 15, a communiqué from the Board of Managers of the Suez Canal Company in Paris said today. The current toll is 39 Egyptian pounds for each passenger. It is the same per ton for laden ships.

PEKING RADIO MAKES ATTACK ON BRITAIN

San Francisco, January 10.

The Peking radio said today that the Chinese Communist Government had accepted the offers of recognition by Britain and Ceylon, but at the same time scathingly questioned Britain's sincerity, and said there was some doubt she would be able to live up to the agreement.

The broadcast, which seemed to throw cold water upon mutual recognition and exchange of envoys, centred its attack upon the British Government's "London Press Service" which disseminates a daily radio news file similar to the American USIS.

Peking radio said the retention of British consuls in Taiwan—the Nationalist stronghold—made questionable Britain's declaration severing relations with the Nationalists.

The radio slightly referred to Britain's historical record in China which, it said, was "still fresh in the minds of the Chinese people."

It also attacked British policy in Malaya. It said "colonial" peoples in South East Asia should have no illusions about an imperialism which labels colonialism as a desire for independence. "Communism," it said, "is the only way to win freedom by rising against the imperialists" similar to the Chinese people, the broadcast said.

The radio said that although the Chinese people accept British recognition on a basis of "equality mutual benefit and mutual respect" for territory and sovereignty, it is action that counts, not words. A despatch distributed by the New China News Agency over Peking radio slightly referred to the fact that Britain accepted Mr. Chou En-lai's initial overture after 13 other countries had already done so, and three months and six days after establishment of the Chinese Communist Government.

"Inherent hostility"

The broadcast said "from the very beginning" the London Press Service "rudely misrepresented" the Peking Government as the "Chinese Communist Government."

It also quoted a LPS despatch of January 6: "Recognition of a government in no way implies approval of that government's policies or vice versa. This applies in the present case as in the case of Eastern European governments or the Franco government of Spain."

The radio added: "Here the British Imperialist elements have not at least concealed their inherent hostility toward the People's Republic of China."

The radio termed this reference "hostile" and added that Britain was the "best kingdom" and out and out supporter of Franco Spain.

The broadcast then referred to the British Foreign Office statement saying the consul in Taiwan will maintain de facto relations with the local authorities but this does not imply de facto diplomatic relations and will be confined to looking after British interests.

An official said it was possible London may grant a three-month extension but so far no action had been taken. This means that all Chinese with Nationalist passports and travelling papers are barred entry into Hong Kong—United Press.

AMERICA WOULD RECEIVE CHIANG

Washington, January 10. Observers close to the State Department are sure that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, should he leave Taiwan, will be allowed to take refuge in this country. The State Department, however, says its official decision will be reached until and unless Chiang asks to come to the United States.

Madame Chiang Kai-shek leaves at 1:45 p.m. today GMT (9:45 p.m. Hong Kong time) for Taipei to join her husband in his final stand against Communist China.

Trans-World Airlines announced that she will fly from La Guardia Field on flight 35 to San Francisco.

She has been in the U.S. since December, 1948. —Associated Press.

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CONSULATE INCIDENT REPEATED

Taipei, January 10.

About 10 Chinese Nationalist soldiers, angered by British recognition of the Chinese Red regime, tried to break down the flag-pole in the British Consulate at Tamsui before dawn today.

It was the second attempt by Nationalist soldiers to tear down the British flag. Both failed.

Today the group duplicating an attempt on Sunday by three Nationalist soldiers who tried to tear down the Union Jack and replace it with the Nationalist flag, threatened to shoot four armed Chinese guards around the Consulate if they interfered.

Chinese sources said the intruders managed to get the British flag from an outbuilding where it was kept. The Consul, Edward T. Biggs, 35, of Maldenhead, would not confirm the Chinese report.

The British flag was not on the pole at the time of the invasion of the Tamsui compound, for it had been removed at sunset.

Mr. Biggs described the early-morning incident as a "nuisance." "It is an unhappy incident," he declared.

Mr. Biggs expressed confidence the Consulate would survive any attack by Nationalist soldiers, pointing out that it withstood an attack by French warships in 1885.

Fifteen British nationals, six of whom are attached to the Consulate, live in Tamsui. There are eight women and two children in the group.

Nationalist soldiers last night picketed the Consulate and prevented its Chinese employees from entering or leaving the building.

The Governor of Taiwan, Dr. K. C. Wu, is taking steps to prevent further anti-British demonstrations.

He will either order the transfer of these troops from Tamsui, or request the British Consul to move his Consulate to Taipei. —Associated Press and Reuter.

ITALIAN PREMIER TO RESIGN

Rome, January 10.

The Premier, Alcide De Gasperi, will turn in his formal resignation of his pro-Western Cabinet to the President of Italy on Wednesday but he is expected to be asked immediately to form a new Government, informed Government sources said today.

A Cabinet reshuffle was predicted this month but De Gasperi's decision on formal resignation and opening of a full-fledged crisis was unexpected. —U.P.

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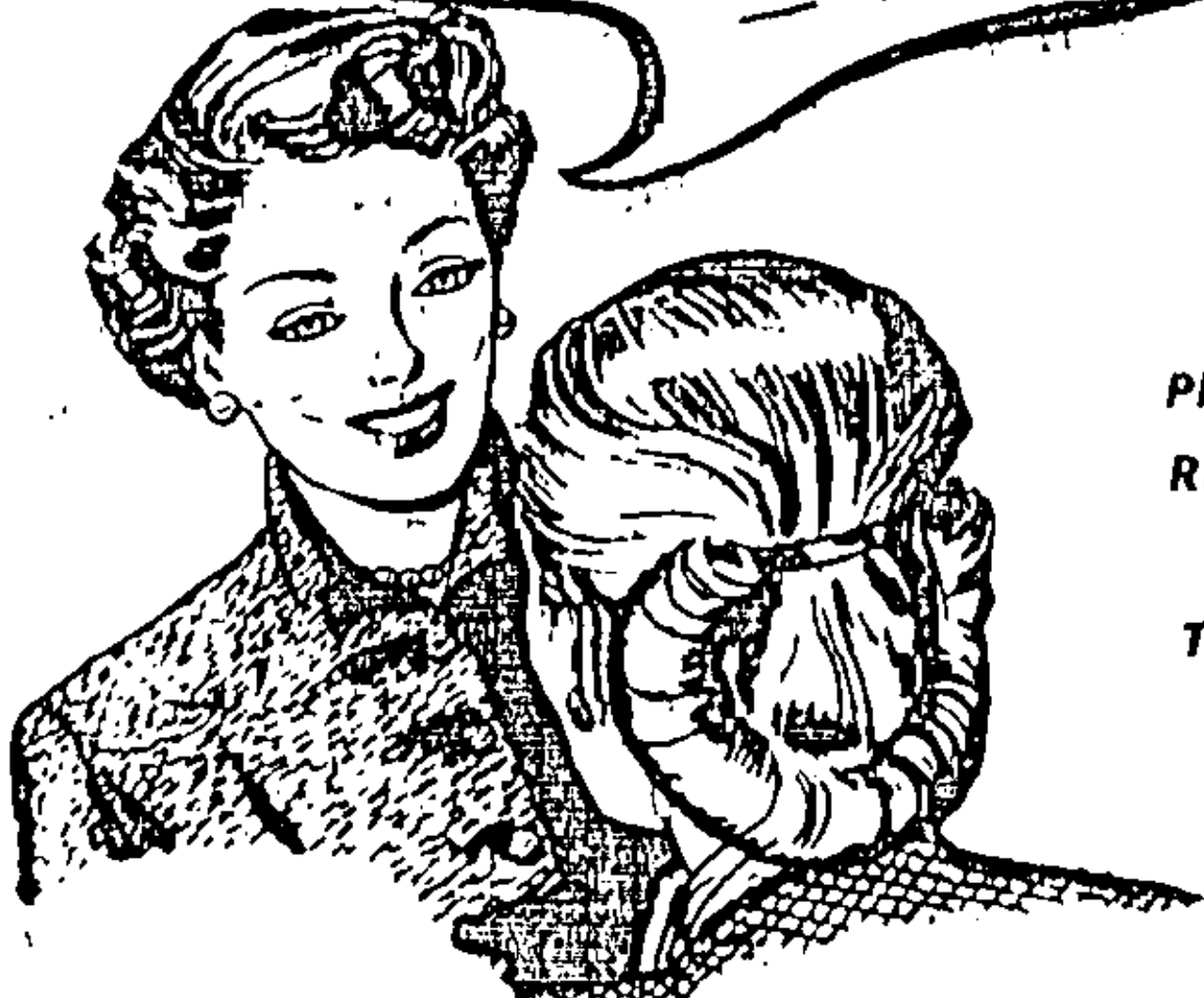
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Efforts to settle Dairy Farm dispute

Representatives of the workers of the Dairy Farm Company and Mr. J. D. Thomson, the manager of the Company, will meet in the office of Major H. F. G. Chauvin, Labour Officer, today in an endeavour to settle their dispute amicably.

The workers have asked for a special HK\$3-a-day allowance which the Company has rejected.

Figures showing the minimum amount necessary for the living cost of a normal family were submitted by the workers to both Mr. Thomson and Major Chauvin on Monday.

The dispute continued in the tramway dispute yesterday, neither side made any approach for a settlement.

The tramway men, locked out by the management a fortnight ago, tightened their belts further as they refused to drive their bus and contented themselves with the gifts of money from other labour unions.

Other utility workers, despite repeated talks of positive support for the tramway men, have so far taken no action beyond sending some monetary support, and no promise of further pressure on their management as all of whom have categorically refused the men's demand for any special allowance.

Standing firm

Standing firm on their decision to settle the dispute by arbitration only, the Hong Kong Tramway Limited continued to

receive applications from workers, both old and new, according to the management.

They could not reveal how many applications have been received, nor if the service would be resumed soon with newly engaged men.

Along the bus front, too, everything was quiet. There was still no reply from the management of the China Motor Bus Company as to the amount they will pay the men as a special award, for the duration of the tram service suspension, and at a meeting of the bus men on Monday, none of them got restive, but nothing more drastic was decided upon beyond instructing their representatives to see the management again.

"Prices of vegetables declining"

Prices of vegetables at the wholesale market are at the lowest level in two years and are still declining, according to Mr. Robert Hart, Government Development Officer, yesterday at a Press conference.

Mr. Hart disclosed that plans are now in hand for a decentralization of the present Market Organisation. Instead of having four main collecting centres for vegetables in the New Territories, the new plan calls for 60 collecting centres.

The basic plan of operations and administration of the new scheme will be studied in a pilot depot installed at present at Ho Tung Village, and when the experiment has been completed, the satisfaction of all concerned, this scheme will be rapidly expanded.

It is proposed to form an Advisory Committee comprising farmers and businessmen to study this first experiment. It is also proposed to invite representatives from the Chamber of Commerce who previously have been quick to voice criticism of the scheme, to join the Committee.

It was also announced that since the fall of Canton there has been a steady decline in vegetable prices. The magnificent effort to increase production on this part of the New Territories farmers has had results which are beneficial to all.

There can be no doubt that the efficiency of this scheme, when farmers are continuing to increase production, more than 3,000 tonnes are being produced through the market, and when the public is receiving vegetables at a lower price than they did two years ago, according to Mr. Hart.

The average price of all local vegetables stands at \$18.23 per picul. The ever-increasing amount of vegetables being produced by the farmers today, and made in substantial and real contribution to the keeping down of living costs. New Territories farmers continue to increase the area under vegetable production and, with the marketing facilities at their disposal, will continue expanding their production.

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Anti-rabies certificate for dogs

All dogs now require a Government anti-rabies inoculation certificate signed by an approved veterinary surgeon before a licence can be issued or renewed. It was officially announced yesterday.

Owners of dogs, in respect of which anti-rabies inoculation certificates dated on or after October 31, 1949, have been issued, should obtain dog licences before January 31, after which date licensing will only be possible when valid certificates, dated within the previous month, are produced.

American warships off the Yangtse

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Robert Strong, United States Charge d'Affaires in Taipei, said he had not yet received any official word from Washington.

In Washington, the United States is expected to make a vigorous new protest to the Chinese Nationalists over the shelling of the Flying Arrow incident.

There was no immediate hint that any stronger action is contemplated. Protests to the Nationalists over previous attacks on sister ships of the Flying Arrow were based on the manner in which shelling endangered American lives.

Brooklyn Heights

One member of the crew of the Shanghai-bound American merchant ship, ss. Brooklyn Heights, signed off in Hong Kong yesterday.

He is Mr. Brinson Lacy, Chief Electrician of the Brooklyn Heights, and father of three children.

Mr. Lacy, who comes from Detroit, Michigan, said yesterday that he obtained medical repatriation back to the United States from the International Company.

He added, "I would not have applied for repatriation if the International Company had not insisted on sending the Brooklyn Heights to Shanghai."

"I have been with the Company for more than five years and naturally have considered signing off very seriously, but I have been married to my wife for 23 years, and I think that it is my duty to take reasonable care of myself in my own way."

Mr. Lacy said that the major part of the Brooklyn Heights' crew were "youngsters" who had never had war experience.

He added, "However, in the merchant marine during the last war, I was on ships that were shot at and torpedoed, enough to know that there is no sense in being brave without a good reason."

Consul's visit

"Our country is not at war now, and it does not make sense to me to risk one's life while performing the routine duties of a job."

The American Vice-Consul in Hong Kong, Mr. Frederick Hill, visited the Hong Kong Consulate yesterday to explain to the members of the crew their "status" if they should wish to sign off.

Mr. Hill said last night that he answered the men's questions, and told all those who decided to sign off the ship to report to the office this morning.

Previously, the State Department had officially extended to the men of the two merchant ships the right to sign off in Hong Kong if their ships were definitely going to Shanghai.

Eleven members of the crew of the Flying Arrow, signed off in Hong Kong last Friday.

Members of the crew said last night that the Brooklyn Heights was definitely due to leave for Shanghai today.

Stewards were still loading the ship with cargo on the ship yesterday.

HONG KONG REACTION TO CHOU'S STATEMENT

The first wave of excitement in Hong Kong following Britain's recognition of the Peking Government has died down as people wait to see its repercussions in China itself.

Chou En-lai's announcement, as reported in a Peking broadcast on Monday, that the Peking Government was willing to establish diplomatic relations with Britain and that it would respect her territory and sovereignty, was regarded with special satisfaction in Hong Kong.

It is taken as an implied promise that the new regime in China will not raise the issue of Hong Kong's status.

The consensus is that high level representatives of the Communist authorities in Canton will soon be sent to Hong Kong to take over Nationalist properties in the Colony and to attend to various formalities entailed by the governmental change-over.

The re-opening of sea, rail and air traffic between Hong Kong and China will be among the first matters to be arranged, competent circles believe, and the assumption of through rail service for both passenger and freight traffic is believed to be imminent.

Resumption of air traffic is expected to be not so easy, owing to the litigation now going on with the ground now clear following recognition. It is believed that it is now only a matter of formalities before the issue will be settled.

Banks' position

Almost the entire staff of the two airlines, the China National Airways Corporation and the Central Air Transport Corporation, had before recognition decided to leave for the mainland.

However, there remains the question of replacing the American pilots who had been paid off.

Some of the banks had received telegraphic instructions from Peking ordering their senior officials to remain at their posts and to carry on pending the take-over, with a promise of continued service if they are found to be loyal.

No placements.

Officers of the banks concerned, contacted by the "China Mail" yesterday, said they were carrying on as usual. There was outwardly no evidence that any change was going to take place, as the number of customers came and went during banking hours.

In the commercial field, there has been a slight slackening in the rush to buy goods for sending into China. Knowledge that plentiful supplies are at hand, in local goods is perhaps responsible for this. Prices, however, have been ordered to be no longer placed.

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PROFESSOR CHAO

Concert at Roof Garden

The Crescendo Chorus will hold a concert at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel, on Friday and Saturday. It will be conducted by Professor Chao Mel-pa.

The programme will include Schubert's "Mass in E flat" and Handel's "All We Like Sheep" to be sung by the Crescendo Chorus in instrumental quartet with Mozart's Allegro in D Major and Andante, led by Dr. Wong Ching-kuen (violin), Mr. Fan Hing-wai (violin), Mr. Li Chik-chai (viola) and Mr. Wong Yau-kin (cello), and a vocal duet from the opera "Lakme" by Delibes, sung by Miss Barbara Foy and Miss Lily Young.

The Chorus will conclude the first part of the programme with a Capella consisting of Anandell's Ave Maria, Gounod's The May Song, and Demaree's Cherry Rip. The second part of the programme starts with the Chorus rendering Elgar's Snow, after which there will be Chinese songs.

Although new in Hong Kong, Professor Chao's reputation as a master of the vocal art, a conductor and a leader of musical education in China has long been well known.

He has the unique record of enjoying a brilliant career both as a student, and as a professional artist and educator. He won the First Prize Laureate and the Elkin Prize at the Brussels Royal Conservatory in 1932.

As an educator, he was the chief of the National Conservatory of Music, Shanghai; he founded the North West Conservatory of Music and the Musical Institute in Peking.

Since the Sino-Japanese war Professor Chao has given up his profession as a singer and devoted himself entirely to education.

Defence argument in rice case

Submissions by defence counsel were made before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday in the case against three former Government employees.

The men are charged with larceny and aiding and abetting in the larceny of 130 bags of Government rice from godown 38B of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company in Jordan Road on September 23.

The defendants are: Ho Wai-lam, alias William Ho, cargo supervisor of the Department of Supplies and Distribution; Rice Section, charged with stealing the rice; Cheung Lun, cook at the Hip Yick Rice Depot; and Cheung Kwun, fiddler at the Depot, charged with aiding and abetting in the theft of the rice.

Mr. d'Almeida is representing the first defendant, while Mr. J. C. Stewart is representing the last two defendants.

Another defendant, Ho Tin-sing, fiddler at the Rice Section, who was charged with the theft of the rice, pleaded guilty to the charge through his counsel.

Mr. A. S. C. Comber, on November 21 when the prosecution closed its case against them. In his submission, Mr. d'Almeida said that no prima facie case had been made out against his client, and that evidence given by prosecution witnesses had failed to establish a prima facie case against his client.

Mr. Stewart, who submitted that his client, who was charged with the theft of the rice, pleaded guilty to the charge through his counsel. His clients were humble folk and if their master had indulged in criminal activities they would not likely to be told.

Although the clients were not the alleged crime they had no guilty knowledge of it, and the evidence showed that they were only there, and no more, he concluded.

Mr. d'Almeida adjourned hearing until January 24 to give a decision.

U.S. TREASURY

Washington, January 9. Treasury position on January 8, compared with corresponding date a year ago:

Total debt: \$250,000,000.00
Gold: \$250,000,000.00
Gold Assets: \$250,000,000.00
and \$250,000,000.00

Associated Press

ALLEGED STABBING AT TIGER MANSIONS

Reminders

Today

Tor II meeting 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

European YMCA Women's Section, Games Meeting, 10 a.m.

United Inter-Denominational Services, at St. John's Cathedral, "Witness of the Church", Rev. J. H. Ogilvie, 5.30 p.m.

Services: Free Dancing Classes, European YMCA, 6 p.m., Mahjong Class, 8 p.m.

European YMCA Literary & Debating Group, "Tides & Mountains in West China" by Mr. P. Gullart, 8.45 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, Dancing Class, 2.30 p.m.; Mahjong, 7 p.m.

Art Exhibition by Mr. Bunyan Lau, Hotel Cecil, 10 a.m.

Wah Yan Dramatic Society, presents "A Lizard is no Dragon" at Wah Yan College, Robinson Road, 8.30 p.m.

British Council sponsored lecture on "English Music Today" by the Rev. Fr. Ryan, St. Jacob's Room, HK Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

Simultaneous Orchestra rehearsal, Club, Lansdowne, 6 p.m.

Cheer Services Club, Tombola, 7.45 p.m.

United Service Recreation Club, Cocktail Party, 6.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Wah Yan Dramatic Society, presents "A Lizard is no Dragon" at Wah Yan College, Robinson Road, 8.30 p.m.

HK Women's International Club, Dance for Services, 7.30 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, "Twenty Questions", 8 p.m.

TRIAD MAN SENTENCED

Two men, Chan Cheung-sui, alias Fat Saw, and Wong Chow, were charged before Mr. A. D. Scholtes at Central yesterday with being members of the illegal Triad Society, W. S. Shing-tong. The first defendant was additionally charged with assaulting the second defendant.

Sub-Inspector Dewar said that in October last year, the second defendant, Wong, reported to the Police that he had been assaulted by Chan, the first defendant.

However, Chan disappeared and it was only on January 6 that the first defendant was seen in Connaught Road, Central, and arrested.

After certain inquiries by the Police it was discovered that the two men were members of the triad society.

Chan pleaded guilty to the first charge and was sentenced to three months. The charge of assault was withdrawn.

The charge against the second defendant was withdrawn when the Police offered no evidence against him.

GOLD CASE

Three men charged with the illegal importation of gold into the Colony in the s. Shengking on Monday failed to appear in Court and had their bail of \$10 each exonerated by Mr. Hin-shing Lo. They were Cheung Kam-choy, aged 44, who had five bars weighing 12.53 taels valued at HK\$2,543 hidden in the hollow heels of his shoes; Wong Lok-kwei, aged 42, who had four bars weighing 33.38 taels valued at HK\$6,770, also hidden in his shoes; and Wong Yuen-cheung, aged 42, who had 12 bars weighing 100.11 taels and valued at HK\$2,322 tied round his waist.

Revenue Inspector L. Millington said the men had arrived by the s. Shengking from Taiwan on Monday and the gold had been found on them as they disembarked at the Custodian Wharf during the afternoon.

As the defendants failed to appear in Court the gold was confiscated. Inspector Millington also successfully applied for the confiscation of 12 bars of gold and silver weighing a total of 39.9 taels valued at HK\$7,093. He said that the gold had been found hidden in different parts of the s. Shengking by Revenue Officers and no claimants had come forward.

RAPE CHARGE

Committal proceedings against Chau Yam-choi, alias Chau Fat, aged 20, on the charge of rape and robbery, were heard before Mr. F. K. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday.

Chau was alleged by the prosecution to have attacked his mother's adopted daughter, Chau Ping, on the night of November 30 on the roof of 607, Nathan Road, where she was lured by defendant. Defendant was also alleged to have robbed complainant of a gold ring and a wrist-watch.

Detective Sub-Inspector Wall is conducting the case for the prosecution. Hearing will continue tomorrow.

An account of how a gardener at the Tiger Balm Mansions, Causeway Bay, was stabbed by one of five men on October morning when he came upon them robbing his wife, was related yesterday at the Criminal Sessions.

The same day three alleged participants in the crime were apprehended, and subsequently charged formally with robbery and wounding. Two days later the gardener died. The charge was then one of murder.

In the dock yesterday stood Ng Tong, aged 20, Tsang Fook, 24-year-old odd-job coolie, and Pun To, alias Hak Tai ("black boy"), aged 28, all accused of the murder of Law Shu-fan, on October 20, last.

The case is being heard before Mr. Justice Gould, Piusine Judge, and tried by a jury of six men and one woman.

Mr. V. K. Mok, instructed by Mr. G. S. Ford, is appearing on behalf of the first accused. The other two are represented by Mr. S. V. Gittins on the instructions of Mr. A. Lal.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector C. Ricci, is prosecuting. Mr. Reynolds told the Court that the deceased had been in employment at the Tiger Balm Mansions for several years. His wife lived in a stone hut on the grounds of the mansions, selling needles, water, cigarettes and cakes to visitors, and helping him with his work.

Five men

On the night of October 19, the wife went to sleep in her hut and the gardener as usual slept in the main servants' quarters.

About 7.10 the next morning, Crown Counsel went on, the woman awoke, and opening the sliding door of the hut, found five men outside. Four of them pushed their way in, closing the door behind them.

The men then compelled the woman to hand over \$120, and 16 gold finger rings which she kept in a rattan basket. Some of the cigarettes were also taken.

Mr. Reynolds went on to say that while one of the robbers, alleged to be the third accused, was gagging and tying up the woman, the gardener was heard outside inquiring as to why his wife had not yet got up and saying it was getting late.

At this, the first accused, it is alleged, got hold of a dagger which the second man was holding, and went out. Through the open door the wife saw her husband being chased by the robber, who then caught up with him, pushed him to the ground and stabbed him.

The woman was left alone by the other men in the hut, who took their belongings together with the first accused to the hillside.

Two caught

Crown Counsel went on to say that a gardener working near the mansions heard cries for help coming from the place, saw the deceased running, holding his stomach, and men running. Giving chase, he managed to get hold of the second accused. The third man was caught by a watchman.

The two were taken to the mansion grounds, where they were identified by the woman concerned as two of the robbers. The things taken from her were retrieved on their persons. Neither man said anything when the woman made the accusations against them, it is alleged.

The first accused was arrested in Wanchai later that day by the police acting on information. He subsequently took the police to a spot where a dagger and a sheath were discovered.

After having having made cautioned statements to the police, Mr. Reynolds continued, the three men were then charged with robbery and wounding. On October 22, the deceased died in hospital. That morning, the three were formally charged with murder. They made cautioned statements in answer to the charge.

Before the deceased died, depositions were taken from him, when it was realized that he might not survive, in the presence of the three accused, the police and a medical officer.

Mr. Reynolds submitted to the jury that the three men, in going to the stone hut that morning, had the same intention of carrying out the robbery, and thus all were guilty of the murder of the gardener.

Dr. S. M. Moore, medical officer in charge, Queen Mary Hospital, told the jury that he examined the wounded man on October 20, and that he found a wound in the abdomen about an inch long, out of which some intestinal matter was protruding. On operation, some blood was found in the abdominal cavity, in the gall bladder and part of the intestines.

The man was given a blood transfusion, but died on the 22nd. Dr. Moore said, "The cause of death was blood poisoning, and bleeding through a rupture of the abdominal organs. The instrument causing the wound appeared to have gone right through the gut bladder and apparently entered the kidneys."

Wife testifies

In answer to a question by Mr. Mok, witness examined the body of the deceased, and whether the deceased, while being the depositions in question,

was coherent witness replied that it appeared his mind was quite clear at the time.

Dr. Yung Yuet-lin, medical officer of Queen Mary's, said in evidence that on October 22, she examined the three accused. On first, accused she found two bruises on the back to the right.

She agreed with a suggestion by Mr. Gittins that it would be quite possible to deliver a blow on a person with the person not having any signs of bruises on him afterwards.

After evidence had been given by prosecution witnesses—including the bereaved woman—who were cross-examined, hearing was adjourned until this morning.

Ivory on show at Rotary

A formidable array of ivory ware, from a small dollar-piece carving to a priceless antiquity of the Chien Lung period, was on display at the Hong Kong Rotary Club yesterday.

The occasion was a talk given by Mr. G. E. Marden, Rotary District Governor, on his hobby of collecting ivory, which he apparently shared by many others, judging by the very large attendance.

Mr. Fung Ping-fan, President of the Club, told Rotarians that Mr. Marden has one of the best collections of ivory in the world.

Mr. Marden said collecting ivory was not necessarily an expensive hobby, and that the art lover there were many beautiful pieces costing only a few dollars each that should do justice to any home decoration.

Three new members were inducted yesterday. They were Mr. W. V. Pennell, managing editor of the "China Mail"; Mr. Jack M. King, manager of the Island Paint Company; and Mr. J. Wadhvani Kima, Far East Manager of M. Duddas and Sons.

There was also a presentation of ribbons to Rotarians with 100 per cent attendance for the year ending June 30, 1949. Mr. A. of Arculli, Vice-President of the Club, made the presentations. Those receiving ribbons were Mr. Fung Ping-fan, Dr. F. I. Tsung, Mr. George Lin, Mr. Kwok Chan, Mr. Charles Huang, Colonel E. J. R. Mitchell and Mr. John Yuen.

Before the meeting adjourned the President announced that there would be no meeting on Tuesday, January 17, on account of the annual races.

Filipino freighter "arrested" in HK

The Filipino freighter Sacramento, officially chartered by the Civil Air Transport to serve as a floating hostel for its staff at Hainan, has been placed under arrest.

A writ, posted on her foremast to that effect, was issued against the vessel over the weekend by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist claiming the sum of 10,374.50 pesos in Hong Kong currency equivalent alleged to be due for fuel supply to the ship at Manila on April 30, last year.

Rape case continues

Further prosecution evidence was given yesterday at the trial of Andrew Milne, RASC, at the Criminal Sessions, who is charged with raping Tsou Yung, wife of an earth cooler.

Milne, who is defended by Mr. A. J. Clifford, instructed by the Hong Kong Bar Council, is alleged to have pushed his way into a cell in the old disused Castle Peak police station where the woman lived, and there committed the offence.

He is further alleged to have brought her along to his billets nearby and molested her again.

Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector G. Scragg, is prosecuting. Hearing continues at 10 a.m. today.

PWD EMPLOYEES SENTENCED

Three employees of the Public Works Department of the Morrison Hill Quarry were each sentenced to two months by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday for stealing 40 oil drums on Christmas Day.

The men were Chan Kam, aged 23, watchman, 24, Shing

Forty dogs dead from rabies

Animal deaths from rabies since the beginning of the year jumped to 40 in the week ended December 31, according to the weekly Health Return released yesterday. Human deaths remained at 20.

There were also one death each from meningitis, diphtheria, and 65 from tuberculosis.

Deaths from all causes totalled 320 as against 1,169 births.

Private driver's mistake

An enterprising driver of a private car, attempting to take advantage of the shortage of transport, chose the wrong person to approach on Monday evening.

Wong Sun-ping, aged 27, driver of private car No 9955 was charged before Mr. A. D. Scholtes at Central yesterday with plying a private car for hire. He was fined \$250.

Sub-Inspector Y. H. Sum, of the Traffic Office said that he was on plainclothes duty on Monday. He was approached by a man in Connaught Road Central at 7.25 p.m. and asked if he wanted a taxi.

Inspector Sum told the man that he wanted to go to Wanchai and the man replied it would cost three dollars. After agreeing to pay the money the man took him to private car No 9955 near Queen's Pier. The man told the driver, who was the defendant, to collect three dollars from his passenger.

Inspector Sum then revealed his identity and brought the defendant to the Police Station where he was charged.

EVASION OF BUS FARE

A fine of \$25 was imposed on Yue Pui, aged 33, by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday for attempting to evade the payment of fare while travelling on bus 4944 at 12.53 p.m. on Monday.

Yue pleaded not guilty saying that the bus was crowded and the conductor had not approached him for the fare.

He at first said that he had boarded the bus near the Central Market but later admitted that he had got on in Wanchai.

Bus Inspector Tang Wing said that he began checking the passengers' tickets at Central Market. The conductor had told him that the defendant had boarded the bus in Wanchai and had nodded his head when asked to buy his ticket.

Inspector Tang added that when he questioned the defendant he became angry and drew out a large bundle of banknotes saying that he had plenty of money and, if charged in Court, would ask a lawyer to fight the case.



Here is one of the charming scenes in Wah Yan Dramatic Society's Chinese opera play "A Lizard is no Dragon" which opened last night at the Wah Yan College theatre, Robinson Road. Miss Bonnie Seu as Princess Yun Ying speaks to a canary. The dialogue is in English.

Wah Yan produce another hit

If sustained laughter of an audience is a sign of the success of a play, then "A Lizard is no Dragon" is certainly successful. The story is humorous; the dialogue witty. It is probably the best show that the Wah Yan Dramatic Society has presented.

It is clear that the play, taken from a Chinese story, was written for the actors. Each one is exactly suited to his or her part.

Mr. Wong Chin-wah, as the scholar who cannot explain the Chinese Classics, enjoys his role immensely. His gestures are graceful and well-timed. Even his eyebrows and facial expressions help to depict and emphasise his varying moods.

He has so much to give, such variety in his intonation and movements that there is just a tendency to over-act. This is most noticeable in his facial expressions.

In contrast, Mr. Reggie Seu, as the Prince, seems to lack a little colour. Whether this is a fault of the actor or the writer of the play (the Rev. Fr. Sheridan) is difficult to say. The piece is acted with dignity and restraint. Voice and gestures are pleasing, but at his first appearance, Mr. Seu seems to lack assurance.

This may have been due to first-night nerves. It was not noticeable as the play progressed. The actresses are charming and competent. Miss Lily Tan as Lady Chu Mei-lan is a perfect foil for the scholar. She gives a wonderful impression of line and movement. If she spoke a little more slowly in the first scene, her dramatic entrance by boat, would be almost perfect.

Miss Bonnie Seu as Princess Yun Ying had a more difficult part to play. She carried it off well. The charm of that scene where she speaks with the canary would be difficult to equal by other amateurs. Her diction is good but it is hard to catch her words in the songs. This may be due to the over-eagerness of the orchestra. It is interesting to hear Chinese songs sung with English words but one would like to hear the words distinctly.

Joseph Lim who acts as both King of Wu and Ambassador of Wu is his usual competent self. Again, as in previous Wah Yan plays, he is more or less the

FOOD AND FUEL COST

The food and fuel index for the week ended January 7, issued by the Labour Office, were—

Rice and Flour, 7.2 cattie	85,6100
Vegetables, 1.9 cattie	1,1400
Salt Cabbage, 0.8 cattie	3,400
Oil, 0.7 cattie	1,6070
Tea, 0.5 cattie	1,0800
Salt Fish, 0.8 cattie	1,2100
Flour, 0.4 cattie	1,2000
Pork, 0.8 cattie	1,2700
Firewood, 10 cattie	1,0000
Bean Curd, 14 pieces	1,0000
Total	810,1270

FRESH FISH PRICES

Fresh fish average prices realised at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Town, yesterday were—

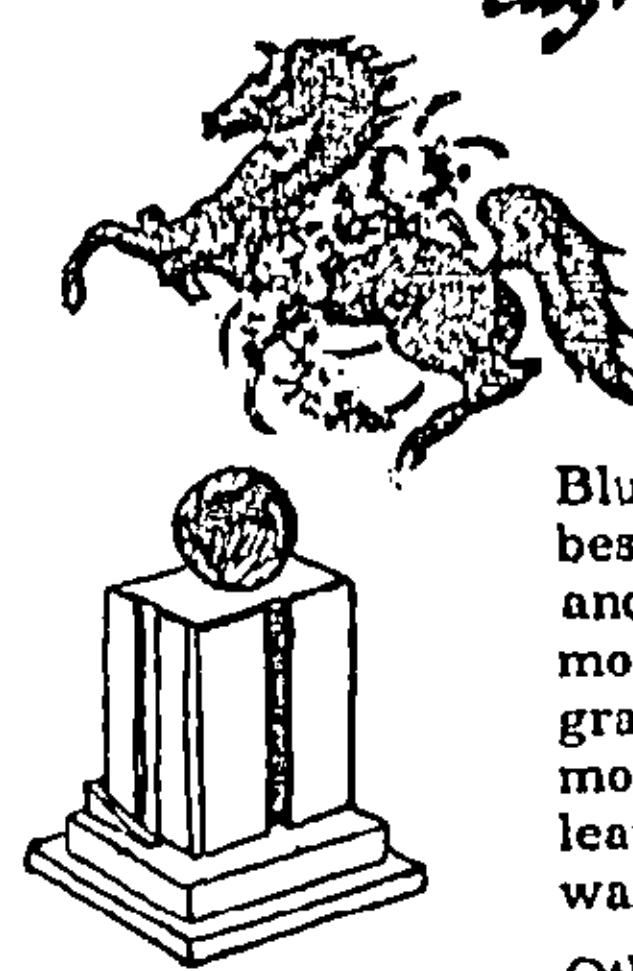
First quality	Average price	Second quality	Average price
Yellow Croaker	1.00	0.80	0.60
Orange Fish	1.20	1.00	0.80
Shrimp	1.50	1.20	1.00
Golden Thread	1.80	1.50	1.20
Courget, Pike	1.70	1.40	1.10
Red Sea Bream	1.60	1.30	1.00
Small	1.50	1.20	0.90
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NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 4 OF 1950

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Diving operations will be carried out in the Central Cable Ground, between the southern end of the Kowloon peninsula and the City of Victoria, as from January 10, 1950 and until further notice.

The Diving Barge will display a Red Flag and its moorings will be marked by Red mark buoys.

All vessels should give the Diving Barge a wide berth, reduce speed on approach and until finally past and clear and take the necessary precautions to prevent the creation of wash.

Authority.—Marine Department, Hong Kong.

J. JOLLY,
Director of Marine.

Marine Office,
Hong Kong, January 10, 1950

NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 5 OF 1950

HONG KONG WATERS
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Position:—Lat. 22° 14' 24" N
Long. 114° 17' 04" E.

Characteristics: Three blasts of equal pitch and of 5 seconds duration every 60 seconds; thus: blast, 5 seconds; silence, 5 seconds; blast, 5 seconds; silence, 35 seconds.

Details: The electric oscillator fog signal will operate on a pitch of 300 cycles.

Remarks: Established with effect from January 11, 1950. Shipmasters are requested to inform this office of the position they first pick up this fog signal.

Charts affected: 1180, 1400, 1962, 3028, 3605.

Authority:—Marine Department, Hong Kong.

J. JOLLY,
Director of Marine.

Marine Office,
Hong Kong, January 10, 1950

NOTICE

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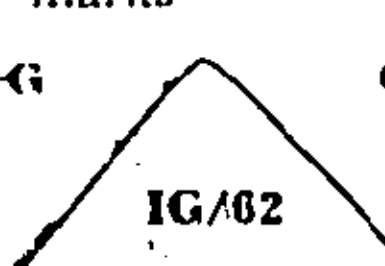
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2. Owners of dogs, in respect of which anti-rabies inoculation certificates dated on or after October 1, 1949, have been issued, should obtain dog licences on or before January 31, 1950, after which date licensing will only be possible when valid certificates, dated within the previous month, are produced.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

Hong Kong, January 10, 1950.

NOTICE

The Directors of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation announce that out of the profits of the Bank for the year ending December 31, 1949, a final dividend of 23 pence per share (net after deduction of Hong Kong Corporation Profit Tax) will be paid, leaving a balance of approximately \$5,300,000 to be carried forward. The sum of \$5,000,000 has been written off Bank Reserve Account. The accounts are still subject to audit.

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AUSTRALIA AND CHINA MARKET

The Director of the China-Australia Trade Campaign, Mr. G. C. Burleigh, of Sydney, Australia, will arrive here in February on his way to Peking where his headquarters will be established. An office will also be opened in Hong Kong.

Mr. Burleigh, an Australian adviser in China for Chinese business interests, will supervise operations.

Exporters and Importers in Australia have long desired to build up a greater volume of mutual trade with China.

China is not only a very large potential market for Australian goods, but a great potential supplier of raw materials for Australian manufacturers as well.

Before the war, both Australian and Chinese commercial interests had already established mutually satisfactory trade relations, a factor which was aided by the traditional spirit of good will which has always existed between the two peoples.

Many Australian manufacturers have now completely reorganised their methods and techniques.

This has resulted in much higher standards of quality packaging and appearance, especially in relation to processed foodstuffs.

Enlarged shipping facilities now being established, can transport those goods quickly and economically to Hong Kong, Shanghai and other ports in China.

GARDEN PARTY IN NT

Mr. John Barrow, OBE, New Territories, will give a Garden Party in the grounds of his residence, Island House, at 3 p.m. tomorrow. His guests will include some 300 gentry of the New Territories.

The Garden Party which may in future be held annually, is intended by Government as a New Territories equivalent of the Governor's Annual King's Birthday Garden Party.

Most of the guests will be members of Rural Committee, and village representatives. The party is intended as a gesture of recognition of the good work they have done and are doing.

Representatives of all kinds of activity, Governmental and otherwise, in the New Territories, such as public works, schools, St. John Ambulance, have also been invited.

There will be no speeches, the occasion being purely a social one in the time-honoured garden party tradition.

Entertainment will be provided by young Chinese amateur musicians from Tai Po Market, led by a Police Sub-Inspector, and by Pipes and Drums from the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Part of the party will be private, and partly provided by the Kowloon Motor Bus Company, the General Manager of the Railway, and the Police.

TO BE WED

Antonio Galdino de Souza, accounting clerk, of 2 Greenville Road, first floor, and Miss Elvira day Remedios, of 2 Jinal Road, first floor, have announced their forthcoming wedding.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1950

Saturday 14th, Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Saturday 21st January

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 noon, each day. The time interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are 10 races each day (50 in all). The "Pearce Memorial Cup" is scheduled to be run on the third day, Tuesday, 17th January, Race No. 6, at 3.30 p.m.

Through tickets at \$100 each may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets at \$2 each for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup". The latter may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges, PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

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Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

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ISBRANDTSEN APPEALS TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN

New York, January 9.

TAIWAN NOT YET ABANDONED

Washington, January 9. Senator Homer Ferguson, Michigan Republican, came from a White House conference today and said he is convinced the United States has not abandoned Taiwan.

He told reporters the way is still open for this country to provide unqualified and voluntary military aid to the Chinese Nationalist defenders of the island.

Mr. Ferguson discussed the Far East situation with President Harry Truman and the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson. He refused to say that he was giving the views of either.

But he said that in his opinion the Administration's announced hands-off policy should not be taken as an abandonment of Taiwan.

Mr. Ferguson said he will urge that military aid be permitted to volunteers for an "unofficial" mission to Taiwan. This could be done, he said, with approval of the President.

Asked if Mr. Truman and Mr. Acheson had given approval to such a proposal, Mr. Ferguson said "No, but I am suggesting it now."

About all he would say specifically about the White House was that he felt "enlightened" but had not changed his views. Mr. Ferguson visited the Far East last autumn as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

On his return he advocated that the United Nations set up a Trusteeship over Taiwan until it attains what he definitely claimed to be a "definitely" status.

He said Mr. Truman's decision to keep hands off Taiwan had "kicked" in further foreign policy out of the window.

Mr. Ferguson also is strongly opposed to U.S. recognition of the Chinese Communist Government. Associated Press.

ALBANIA BEING FORTIFIED

Tirana, January 9.

The Italian Press yesterday quoted reports from Albania as saying that the Russians had speeded up fortification of the Albanian coast and installation of submarine bases on the island of Saseo.

The reports said, according to the report that rocket bombs and other weapons are being built in Albania, together with installations for artillery. They added that work to expand the naval base of Valona also had been accelerated.

At Saseo Island, the reports claimed, new submarine bases and underground fuel and supply depots are being built. Reports said that supplies are arriving in Albania by air from Budapest, Bucharest and Sofia and an additional 15,000 special troops had been garrisoned in Tirana and Valona. United Press.

FINLAND'S REPLY TO RUSSIA

Helsinki, January 9.

Finland will send a preliminary reply at the end of this week to Soviet Russia's demands for the extradition of 300 Soviet "war criminals," strokes close to the Foreign Ministry said today.

The reply will be formulated by the Foreign Ministry on the basis of a Government investigation into the demand, now completed.

Most of the 56 persons listed in the demand as "guilty of particularly grave crimes against the Soviet Union" have already fled the country.

Helsinki today is plastered with posters for the forthcoming Presidential elections.—Reuter.

AIR CRASH IN SCOTLAND

Kilteyth, January 9.

Two Fleet Air Arm airmen were found dead today in a Firefly fighter plane which had crashed against a hill near here.

The Montrose Mountain rescue squad, shepherds and police had been searching for them since the plane crashed yesterday on a flight from an airfield near Glasgow.—Associated Press.

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Shipowner Hans Isbrandtsen of the Isbrandtsen Company today appealed directly to President Truman, the Secretary of Defense, Louis Johnson, and the Secretary of the Navy, Francis Matthews for American aid for his ship Flying Arrow, which was crippled by a Chinese warship off Shanghai.

In a telegram to the three officials he said that the barrage had caused serious damage to the 6,214-ton freighter, that its crew and passengers were in a "dangerous and unsafe position."

Isbrandtsen said the Flying Arrow was on the high seas when it was attacked 19 miles from the nearest land at the mouth of the Yangtze river. The Chinese Nationalists claim 12 miles of territorial waters.

It was learned that the Flying Arrow was damaged more severely than admitted by Isbrandtsen. A reliable source said the ship was hit below the water line, and shells had knocked out the steering gear.

He added, however, that the vessel was in no immediate danger of sinking. A report from Washington states that the Coast Guard limited that David Jones, master of the Isbrandtsen Line's Flying Arrow, may lose his licence for endangering American lives and property in his attempt to run the Chinese Nationalist blockade to Shanghai.

At the same time, the State Department has ordered an immediate on-the-spot investigation of the shelling of the Flying Arrow by a Nationalist warship. Isbrandtsen said the Brooklyn Heights, the Brooklyn Heights is at present in Hong Kong loading cargo for Shanghai.

The State Department said that Captain David Jones, master of the Flying Arrow, had been sailing in advance that his licence might be revoked if he tried to run the blockade into Communist-held Shanghai. It added that the same warning had been given to the skipper of the Brooklyn Heights. The vessel is due to clear Hong Kong for Shanghai on Wednesday.

State Secretary accused Members of Congress appeared to lean toward the State Department's position. The Republican Senator, Alexander Smith, accused the Isbrandtsen Line of trying to "sell up" its ships. Other Congressmen indicated that they regarded the incidents as "unfortunate," but that it does not call for drastic American action.

The Coast Guard, which administers the regulations affecting American-flag shipping, indicated that the Flying Arrow's master could be "beached" for his action. In New York, Isbrandtsen officials termed the attack on the Flying Arrow "piratical," since it occurred outside the 12-mile limit.

Mr. Hans Isbrandtsen, President of the Line, charged that the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, had refused to allow American naval vessels to give assistance to his ships.

Isbrandtsen's joint telegram to the President and the Secretaries of Defense and the Navy read: "The master of our American steamship, Flying Arrow, engaged with other seamen of our line in regular round-the-world service, advises that early this morning (China time), at 31° 45' North and 122° 15' East, and while in the process of anchoring, the vessel was fired on with a barrage of shells by two Nationalist gunboats, causing serious damage and leaving the vessel's crew and passengers in a dangerous and unsafe position."

The telegram continued to point out that the skipper of the Flying Arrow informed the owners that, according to the position of the vessel, "the attack began and ended Westward of the line drawn between the capes or headlands across the 50-mile wide mouth of the Yangtze River, and 19 miles from the nearest land or shore."

Mr. Isbrandtsen's comment "The bombardment caused the vessel to take fire, which was extinguished with the aid of the British navy."

Isbrandtsen's telegram continued: "We respectfully request you to direct U.S. Navy officers and ships in the vicinity to render immediate assistance in accordance with their statutory duty under Navy Regulations Article 0320...."

Isbrandtsen, commenting on the Flying Arrow, charged that the Secretary of State had ordered American naval vessels not to aid the Isbrandtsen ship.

"We have to take help wherever we can get it," Mr. Isbrandtsen said. "Mr. Acheson has told American naval vessels to keep away from us."

Blockade runner "quite safe"

Vancouver, January 9. An official of the Western Canada Steamship Company, owner of the only Canadian ship operating through the Nationalist blockade to Communist China, today reported that its vessel had no trouble so far.

"We are in daily communication with our vessel and she is quite safe as yet," President John Roscoe said. "We communicate with her through our Hong Kong agents."

The Company's "Lake Canim," carrying 30 members of the crew, recently got safely through the blockade on her first run with a shipment to Shanghai from Hong Kong.—United Press.

ISLAND NOT WORTH THE PRICE

St. Louis, Missouri.

The St. Louis "Star-Times," in an editorial entitled "Taiwan not worth the price," said today that people who wanted America to occupy or fight for the island started from a false premise.

"It is not merely American policy that failed in China," the paper said. "Mainly it was the Chinese Nationalist Government. Not for a moment did the American aid did the Nationalists fail. They failed because they lost the support of the Chinese people."

"More American aid to the Nationalists would have meant their defeat for the Communists because the Nationalists shamefully lost, surrendered or sold American equipment and material."

"The doctrine that the United States can help other governments to help themselves but cannot do their job for them is applicable to Asia as well as to Europe."

"To keep the China Government alive in Taiwan within the iron lung of American shelter, fed intravenously with American aid, while it uses its dying strength to abuse the 6,000,000 people of Taiwan—this is no way to advance the cause of other China or the United States."

"If the United States occupied Taiwan or shot up the Communist invasion flotilla, we would be at war with the Chinese people."—Reuter.

Representative said: "It is a very unexcused situation."

Republican Representative, Dewey Short, a ranking minority member of the House Armed Services Committee, said: "We have to go mighty slow on this; particularly since the ship's owners were warned in advance by the State Department."

Also in Washington, a Coast Guard spokesman pointed out that the State Department had proclaimed the waters around Shanghai "dangerous," and that David Jones, master of the Flying Arrow, could be charged by a Coast Guard investigating body for defying the State Department's warning.

He said the Coast Guard could revoke Jones' licence if it found that he had carelessly endangered American lives and property. The spokesman refused to say whether the Coast Guard would take any action against Jones.—United Press.

Chairman John Keo of the House Foreign Affairs Committee said the shelling was "not anticipated." He added: "We don't agree that the Nationalists have the right to blockade, but what can we do about it?"

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U.S. BUSINESS WORRIES ON JAPAN TRADE

Tokyo, January 9.

The President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan told the roving U.S. Ambassador, Dr. Phillip C. Jessup, that American businessmen here welcome the day that the United States State Department takes over from General Douglas MacArthur.

Although Mr. Paul W. Aurell said, "Our relationship with SCAP has been most cordial" and said "we are unanimous in our great respect and loyalty to General MacArthur," he presented a list of complaints about the way foreign trade has been controlled to date by the military officials.

"Now," Mr. Aurell told Dr. Jessup at a luncheon meeting, "we see the certain and sure replacement of SCAP by the State Department. We welcome that day and promise our full co-operation. We look forward to and hope for an aggressive policy on the part of the State Department for the promotion of American business opportunity in Japan and throughout the world."

Mr. Aurell read his remarks from a prepared statement at the luncheon meeting of a select few members of the American Chamber of Commerce where Dr. Jessup said he wanted to learn what businessmen had to say.

At the request of State Department officials there were no newsmen at the meeting—not even newsmen who are members of the chamber. However, a copy of Mr. Aurell's remarks was made available after the meeting was completed.

Mr. Aurell's prepared statement gave no indication as to when businessmen thought the State Department would take over from General MacArthur and gave no reason for that belief.

Doubtful future

Mr. Aurell pointed out that Japanese are taking over many of the functions formerly carried out by General MacArthur's headquarters. He expressed concern for the future and fear for the welfare of businessmen in Japan after a peace treaty is signed.

He said that when all the new import and export policies were being formulated by General Headquarters the American business community in Japan offered their advice and assistance, but their offers were not accepted.

Mr. Aurell said as a result there were no Americans who understand all the latest rules, and said

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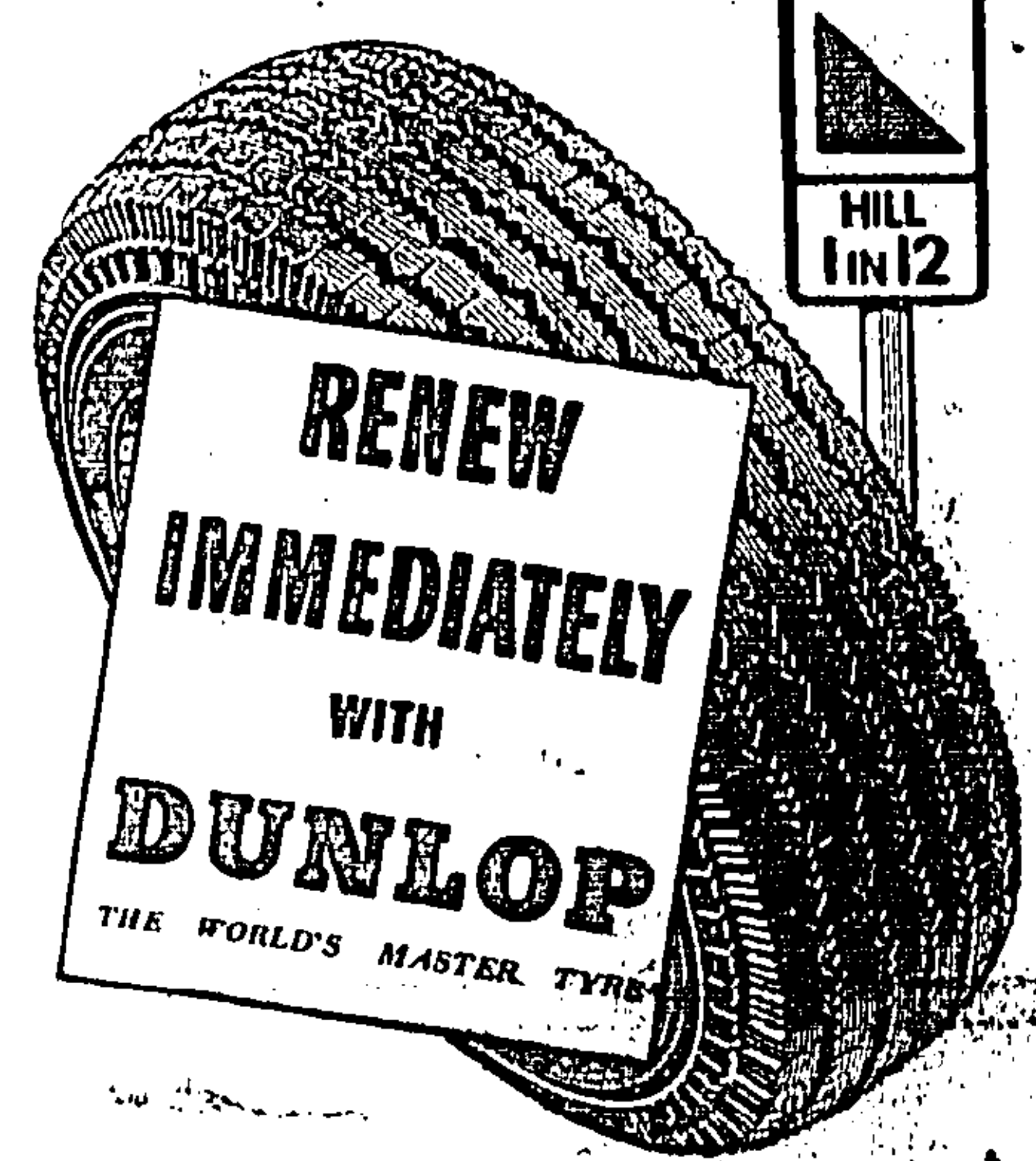
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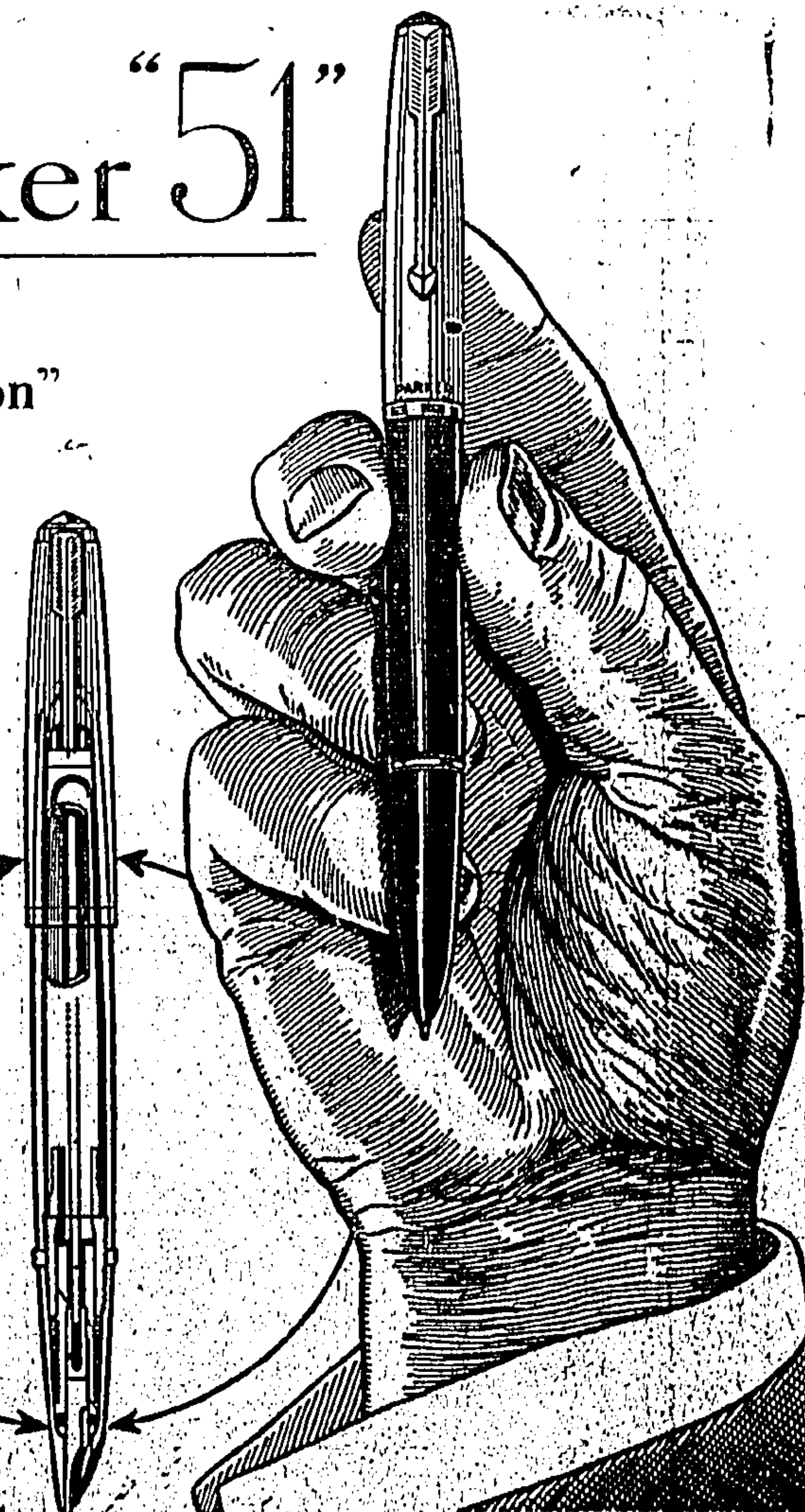
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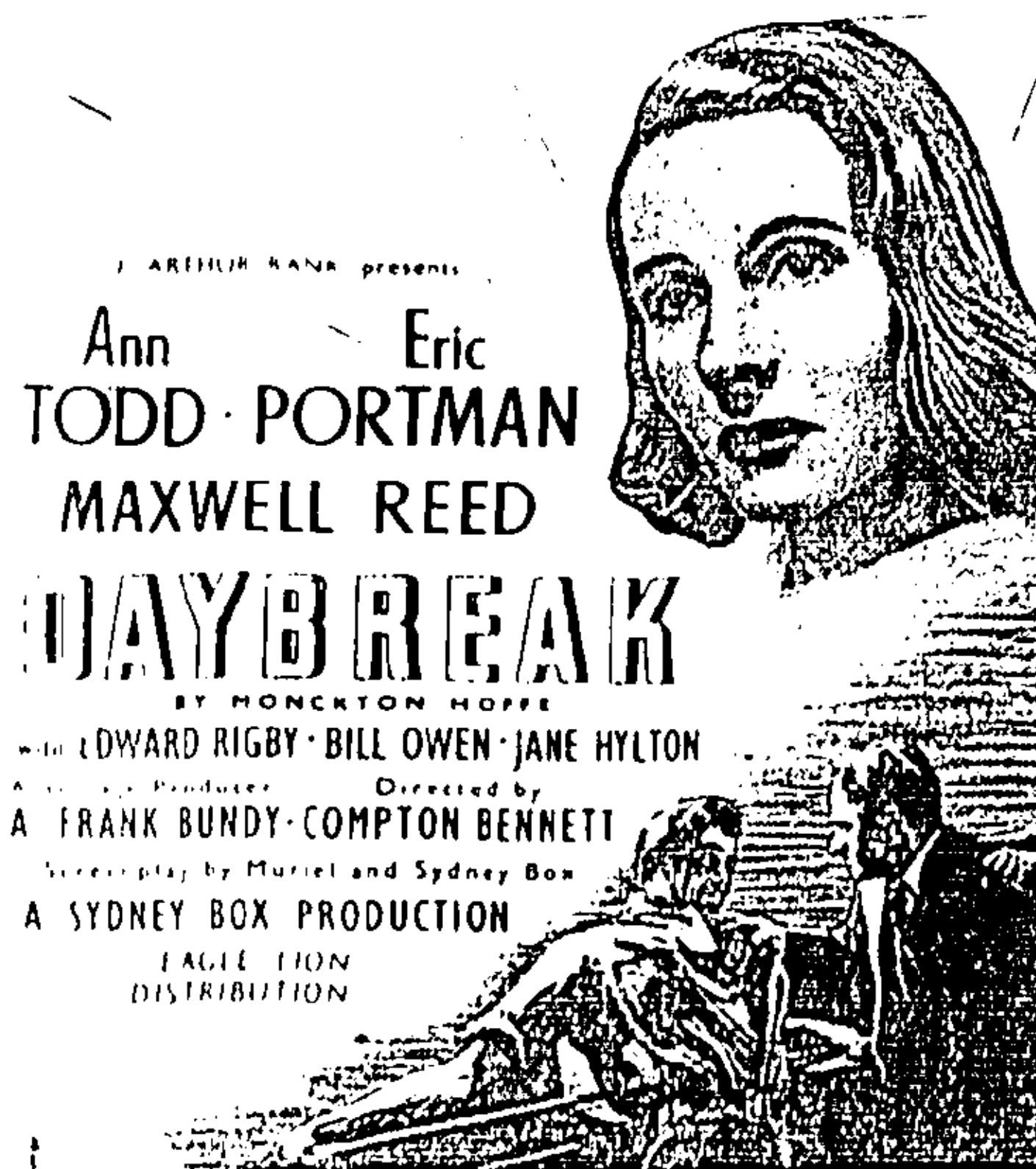


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The disillusioned and discontented people of Communist China have a variety of reasons for being so, but the chief reason is that the Communists expect too much.

Economically, they call upon the individual to work harder and live harder. Politically, they want him to give up his own thinking and follow the Communists, that is, do and say what the Communists tell him to.

Generally speaking the individual stands today has not yet reached the stage of being merely a cog in a machine, but the trend is in that direction. And a popular comment is that the Communists want the individual to act as docile as a pet dog, work like a bull ungrudgingly and be loyal to the master at all times.

Psychologically, Communist propaganda with its "loyalty" is a promise of the promises of Communist propaganda is that down would come to a place upon "liberation." But the fact in all known cases is to the contrary. The people's suffering were deepened subsequent to the change-over.

This account, for the common phenomenon in Communist China that before a place is given to the people of the place, but after the Communists have had it for several months they changed their mind about the Communists.

The lack of real freedom and democracy is a matter of general comment. It is the consensus among mental Chinese quarters that democracy under the Communists exists only in name, but not in substance.

This causes disillusionment among politically-minded Chinese intellectuals who had formerly shown in their sympathies with the Communists against the Kuomintang in the belief that the Communists would at least be more democratic than the Kuomintang.

Communist stubborn insistence that their system is the only really democratic one in the world in spite of the facts serves only to embitter popular feeling against them.

Communist belief in their ideological infallibility and perfection also is a matter of critical comment.

This belief underlies their intolerance of outside criticism and opposition. Their reasoning is that since they are infallible and perfect there can be nothing wrong with them and any criticism against them is due to malice or cynicism. This presumption is the kind of logic which impelled the Communist representative of the Nanking Water Supply Bureau to tell the workers that anyone who opposed his opinion or order was a reactionary.

This dogmatic belief, running counter to the traditional Chinese concept of modesty, has served in some cases to make enemies out of friends.

Students fed up

According to educational quarters, some students in Shanghai and Nanking became disillusioned with the Communists because of this. The students, the quarters said, maintained originally that the Communists are much better than the Kuomintang and therefore supported them. But the students with their youthful objectiveness also saw some weaknesses in the Communist system, and when the Communists insisted they were all good it evoked very unfavourable reactions.

Other causes for popular complaint are:

1. Communist unconditional alignment with Soviet Russia in ideology and foreign policy to the point of "slavishness";
2. Communist anti-American propaganda which is resented by many Western-minded Chinese;
3. The Communist requirement that everyone learn and accept Marxism, Leninism, and Mao.

CHILEANS TO AID BRITONS

Punta Arenas, January 9.
A Chilean Navy rescue expedition left this harbour at the Southernmost tip of South America at 9 p.m., hoping soon to reach Stonington Island, Margarita Bay, in the Antarctic region where a group of British Scientists has been marooned for three years.

Captain Alfredo Natta, Commander of the Chilean Antarctic fleet, who is heading the expedition, told the United Press shortly before sailing that the task force expects to reach Soberania Bay within eight days. There the expedition plans to relieve Chilean weather crews on Pratt and O'Higgins Islands, then the expedition will go to Stonington after relieving the Soberania Bay crew.

Captain Natta said his flagship, the frigate Iquique, would probably sail from Soberania Bay into Margarita Bay, heading towards Stonington Island. If the Iquique was unable to reach Stonington because of heavy ice, the cutter Lientur would be given the assignment.

The Lientur, the transport Malpu and the Iquique form the expedition. Captain Natta said there were no reasons to fear the scientists are starving because they took sufficient food to last six years. It was not expected that it would be necessary to give food to the stranded scientists.

Captain Natta also said news from the expedition would only be available through the General Staff of the Chilean Navy in Santiago, which is expected to remain in constant contact with the expedition. United Press.

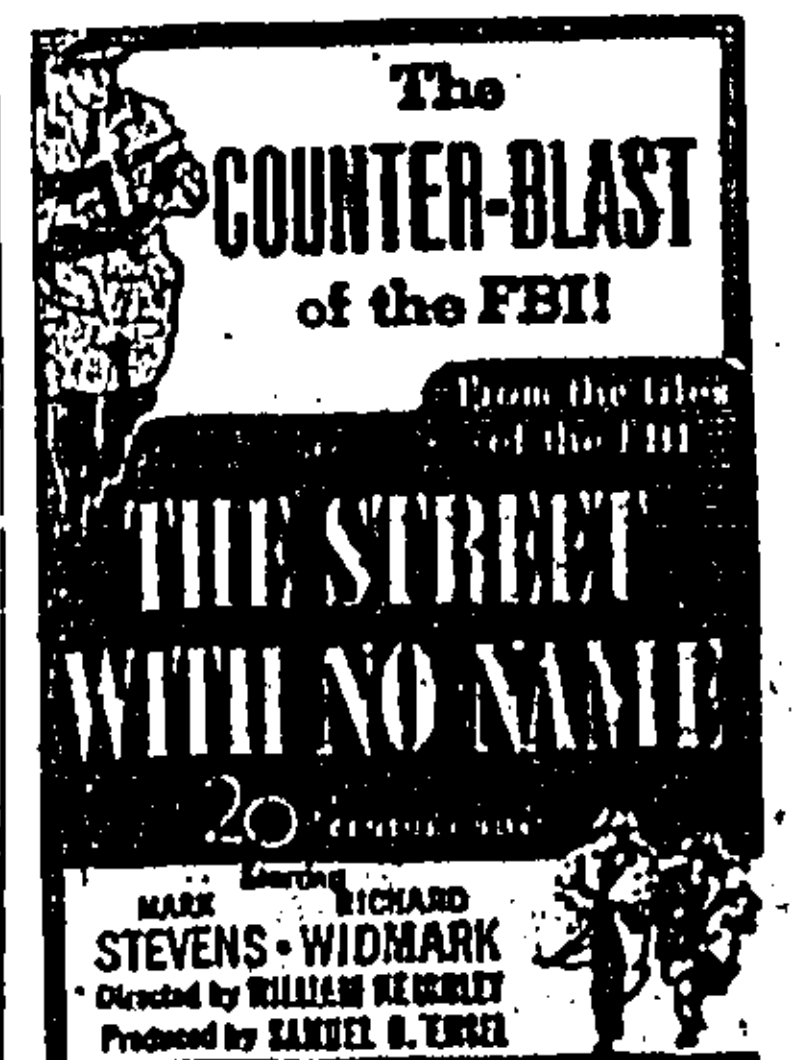
AIR MURDER CASE

Quebec, January 9.
The murder trial of J. Albert Guay, a Quebec City Jeweller alleged to have arranged the placing of a time bomb in an airplane which crashed near here on September 9, killing his wife and 22 others, was adjourned here today until February 13.

His lawyers protested against the adjournment, saying that the Crown should call a "special Assizes term" to try Guay. — Reuter.

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SPAIN AND THE WEST

Washington, January 9.
The chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Representative John Kee, favours Spain's entry into the Western family of nations only if it transforms its government and mends its ways.

Mr. Kee said in a House speech that he also would favour the return to United States recognition of Spain on an Ambassadorial basis on the same conditions.

Asserting that Spain never was denied a chance for assistance on the basis of self-help, Mr. Kee said: "It is Spain that has chosen to walk alone." He added, however, that under present conditions Spain's membership in the Western family of nations would be explained as the United States could not have one policy for the rest of Western Europe and another for Spain.

He declared that the Spanish Government had tried to solve the question of how to share in the benefits of participation in U.S. foreign aid programmes without paying the price of democratic collaboration.

"Since Spain could not, without transforming its regime, fit itself into the pattern of Western Europe, Spain has sought to impress upon the U.S. an opportunity to help Spain on different terms," United Press.

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Political bias

The political bias of the ordinary Communist worker also is another cause of disappointment among the people. That bias makes them appear unreasonable in terms of traditional Chinese moral concepts in the handling of many public problems.

For instance, the Communists prior to discharging a number of employees in the Shanghai Municipal Government in the recent austerity drive subjected these workers to a two-month period of political indoctrination.

At the conclusion of the period, the employees were asked to sign a paper saying they had voluntarily resigned and had been paid off. This appeared unreasonable to the employees. Their complaint was: why should you put us through a strenuous indoctrination course when you have already decided to terminate our service and why should we be put on record as having resigned voluntarily when actually we were discharged? — United Press.

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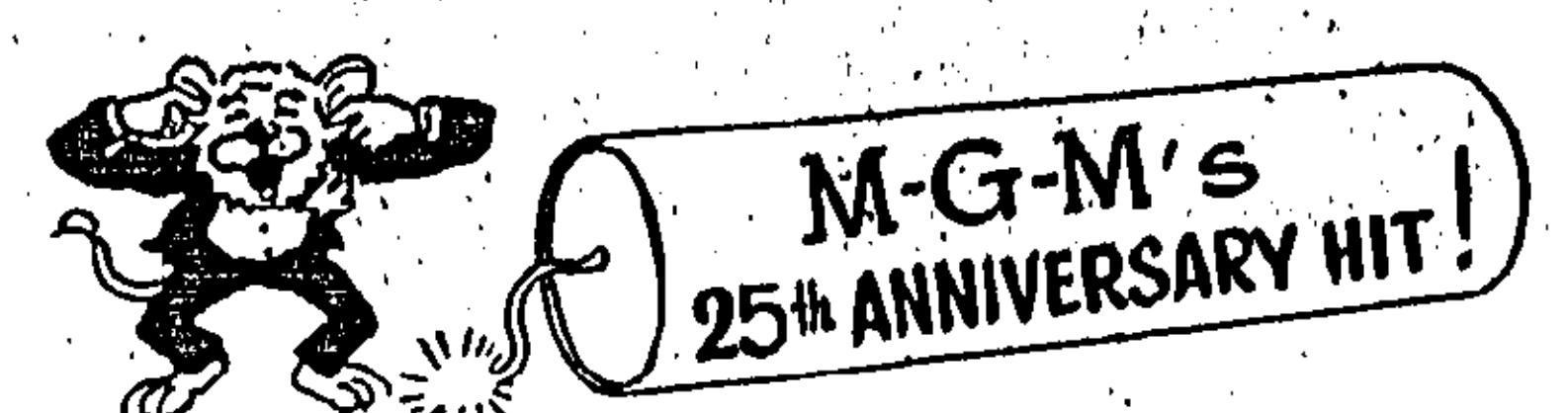
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SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS HITS AT PESSIMISTS

London, January 9.

Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said today that it is too early to say whether the cuts in Government expenditure and investment announced last autumn will prove sufficient to maintain the necessary state of disinflation.

So far there are no signs to the contrary, he said.

STRIKE BY U.S. MINERS

Pittsburg, January 9.
About 60,000 soft coal miners struck today in Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Alabama, closing pits worked by the United States Steel Corporation, half a dozen other steel firms and the Pittsburg Consolidation Coal Company.

A sign posted at one West Virginia mine said, "No contract, no work."

Miners' contracts in mines East of the Mississippi River expired last June and the miners' leader, Mr. John L. Lewis, then instructed the miners' union at those pits to work only three days a week until his demands for contracts were met.

Previously, miners had always downed tools when contracts expired.

Mine owners filed suits seeking millions of dollars damages against Mr. Lewis and his union in Ohio last week.

Mr. Lewis last week reported that there was "grave unrest" among American coal miners because owners "will not permit the workers to share in the increase in the price of coal."

"There has been no increase in the cost of production," he added.

Reuter

London, January 9.
Elections to the Supreme Soviet of the USSR will be held on March 12, 1950, by a decree of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, reported by Moscow Radio tonight.—Reuter

Addressing a Press conference, Sir Stafford hit at pessimists who had prophesied a large rise in the cost of living following Sterling devaluation. The Government's forecast of a mere one per cent rise had itself been proved to be slight on the pessimistic side.

On the subject of unrequited exports, Sir Stafford said, "We want to diminish our unrequited exports so that we can divert more of our exports to the hard currency and particularly the dollar countries," he said.

"Indeed that we must do. But there is another very important side to this picture. These resources have been made available mainly to countries urgently in need of assistance in their post-war reconstruction."

"Unless we had provided this help, we should undoubtedly have seen an even greater spread of Communism. What are 'unrequited exports' to us are immensely valuable supporting imports to countries threatened by the cold war."

Must go slow

"These have helped to enable them, despite all their difficulties, to withstand the onslaught of that cold war and to build up their own production."

The Chancellor added, "But we have now reached a stage where we must go slow, whether we wish it or not, for the sake of preserving our own strength and ability to help."

Questioned on this point, Sir Stafford said that an attempt would be made to agree on a reduction in the amounts releasable from Sterling balances when the annual negotiations took place with each country concerned.

"But it is not only a question of what we want—we must take other people's needs into account," the Chancellor said.

Asked as to what he thought of a suggestion made by some American bankers that the United States should take over liability for part of Britain's Sterling balance debts, Sir Stafford said, "I am very glad that the suggestion came from American bankers. I think it sounds an excellent idea."

Gold reserves

Sir Stafford stressed the need for rebuilding the Sterling area's gold and dollar reserves, and recalled that a far bigger proportionate drop in the dollar earnings of the area took place in 1937-38 without causing a crisis because reserves were more than six times their present size.

The fact that Britain and other Sterling area lands had been able to cut dollar expenditure by 25 per cent without serious effects was a good measure of the progress made during the past two years in restoring the productive power of the non-dollar world, building up new sources of supply, and building up the area's own capacity as an alternative source of goods for the non-dollar world.

Saying that Britain looked hopefully for aid in her dollar export drive from the steps discussed with the United States and Canada in Washington last September, Sir Stafford added, "I hope that before too long we shall be able to arrange another similar meeting to review the matters then set in train."—Reuter.

NO SURRENDER BY PAKISTAN

Karachi, January 9.

The Pakistan Prime Minister, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, told Parliament today that "not one inch of our land will be surrendered to anybody, come what may."

He was replying to Afghan demands that the North West Frontier Province and certain areas of Baluchistan be renamed as an independent "Pushtoonistan" and incorporate certain tribal areas on the Pakistan side of the border.

Pakistan wants friendly relations with Afghanistan but has not given up hope that "sanity will dawn on the rulers of Afghanistan."

The Prime Minister said that there had been no response to the Pakistan offer to discuss with Afghanistan all matters of common interest. Pakistan had offered to negotiate on a basis of relations of enduring friendship. They could not be expected to continue for ever pleading for friendship, he added.—Reuter.

SHIP DISASTER

Reykjavik, January 9.

The seven-man crew of the 115-ton Icelandic motor vessel, Helgi, was feared drowned today after the vessel had run aground and sunk immediately a short distance from the shore.

The vessel was stranded just outside Westman Island's harbour yesterday. When darkness fell two of the crew were seen clinging to a reef. A rescue vessel could not reach them because of the heavy seas and gale winds.

Today said sources the rock and it is impossible to see if the men are still there, but it is feared that all have perished.—Reuter.

Dr. Soekarno in Batavia



President Soekarno, head of the newly created Republic of the United States of Indonesia, arrived in Batavia the day after the transfer of sovereignty to the new State by Holland. Dr. Soekarno and his wife flew from Jogjakarta in the first Indonesian Airways plane to land in Batavia. Madame Soekarno is seen amid a group of high Indonesian officers on her arrival at Batavia airport. (Associated Press Photo).

AMERICA TO ATTEND ILO ASIAN MEETING

Washington, January 9.

The United States has accepted an invitation from the International Labour Office to send observers to its first Asian Regional Conference. It is to be held in Ceylon from January 16 to January 28.

The State Department announcement said that considerable importance is being attached to the Conference because of the consideration it would have to the social progress and industrial development of the Asian countries.

The Conference was called by the International Labour Office's Asian Regional Conference held in New Delhi in November, 1947. The ILO's Governing Body gave its approval in July last year.

In a recent survey of economic and social trends in Asia, to be submitted to the forthcoming Regional Conference, Mr. David Morse, the Director-General of the International Labour Office, declared that any programme of technical development for Asia must be in keeping with the rapid growth of population in Asian countries.

Mr. Morse outlined proposals to grant priority to social measures for increased production in the under-developed countries of Asia.

The population problem of Asia, particularly India and Japan, he said, has forced a diversion of agricultural land from cash crops to food crops and has even forced the necessity to use foreign exchange to finance food imports.

Rubber's recovery

He added that the shifting patterns of world production and trade had adversely affected receipts from exports and thus reduced substantially the funds available for economic development.

Here are some of the major points made by Mr. Morse in his survey.

Ceylon, Indonesia and Malaya have been hard hit by low rubber prices.

Among the main industrial and commercial crops, rubber alone has staged a spectacular increase, to such an extent that there is fear of over-production.

Jap industry

In most Asian countries, the mobilisation of savings for productive investment has been hindered by inflation and by uncertainties concerning the Government's fiscal and economic policies.

The greatest increase in industrial production took place in Japan but Japanese industry, except mining, was still below pre-war levels.

In India, the rate of advance in industrial production is slower than in Japan but the overall level seems to be above that of the pre-war period.

In the Philippines, the rehabilitation of industry has proceeded fairly rapidly.

In other Far Eastern countries, too, with the exception of China industrial and mining production has shown a general improvement, though not to the same extent as in Japan, India and the Philippines.—Reuter.

CYPRUS CONQUERS MALARIA

Nicosia, January 9.

Cyprus has won a three-year battle to eradicate the malarial mosquito. It was officially announced here today. Dr. Horace Shelley, the Director of Medical Services, said that the island had been completely rid of the insect and this represented a great step forward in world medical history.

Mr. Shelley added, "The greatest significance of today's achievement is that the vast eradication operations have been carried out entirely by Cypriot staff working under the direct instructions of a Cypriot officer, Mr. Mehmet Aziz Bey."—Reuter.

MALAYA AMBUSH

Singapore, January 9.

Terrorists ambushed a hospital jeep 15 miles North of Raub Parang today, killing the Chinese driver.

A Sikh hospital assistant, who was wounded, was rescued by a British Army patrol.

A three-man mission, headed by a Siamese police chief, will arrive here on January 19 to discuss closer co-ordination of plans to suppress terrorism along the Siam-Malaya border.—Reuter.

Japan chief competitor of Britain

Manchester, January 9.
Japan has become Britain's chief competitor in exporting textiles to West Africa, the African section of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce said today.

"Japan has an advantage in prices and delivery which cannot be ignored," the section added in its annual report.—Associated Press.

TRUMAN BUDGET ATTACKED

Washington, January 9.

Leading Republicans in Congress today promptly denounced President Truman's budget as "spendthrift socialism" and the road to "economic ruin." They promised a stiff election year fight against the President on both spending and taxes.

Many Democrats voiced the hope that the deficit could be cut through economies, but agreed with Mr. Truman that the continued high cost of national defence and foreign aid for the "cold war" allies limited the amount of savings that could be made.

There was no enthusiasm in any quarter for the "moderate" tax increase which the President said he would propose to Congress in the next few days. Republicans started sniping the moment the budget reached them.

Senator Robert Taft said it proved that the President's previous talk about "economy" and "budget-balancing" was "window dressing."

The House Republican leader, Joseph Martin, attacked the programme as "propped-up economy" and "juggling of public funds for political purposes." The Senate Republican leader, Kenneth Wherry, called it "spendthrift Socialism." The House Republican Whip, Lee Arens, said it paved the way to "economic ruin."—United Press.

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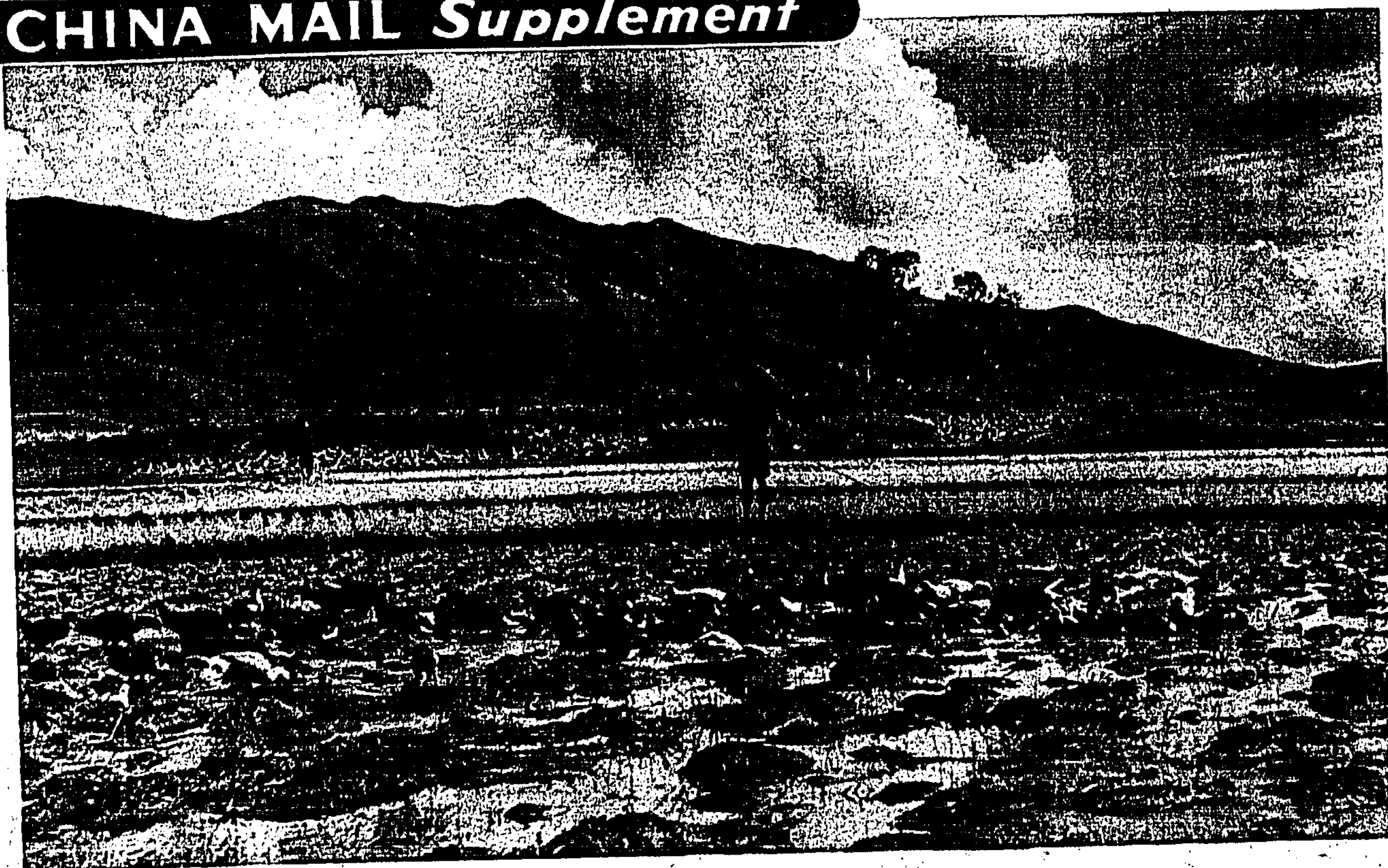
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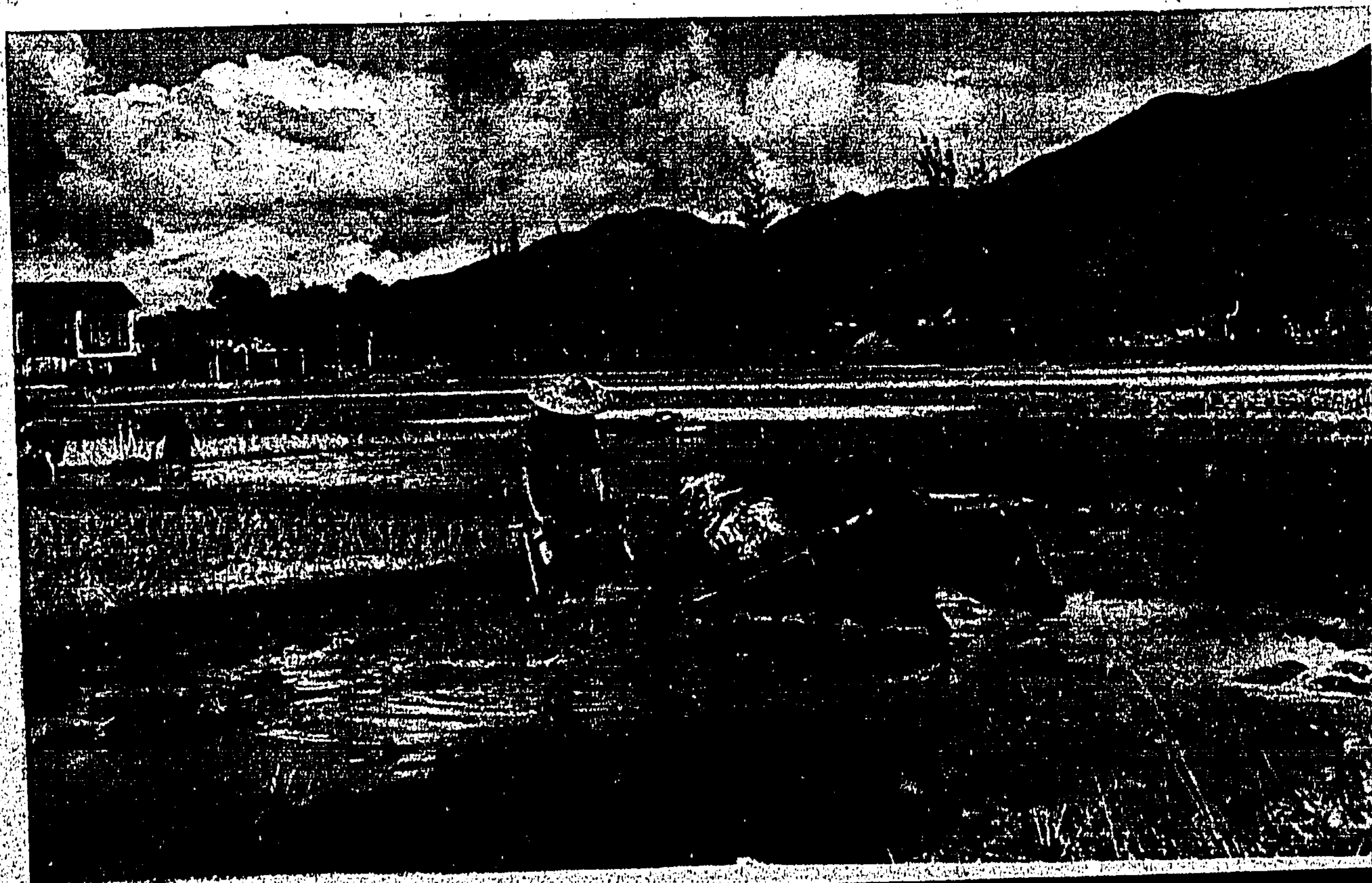
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A rural scene in the New Territories, where farmers carry on their work in the traditions handed down by their forefathers.—"China Mail" photo.

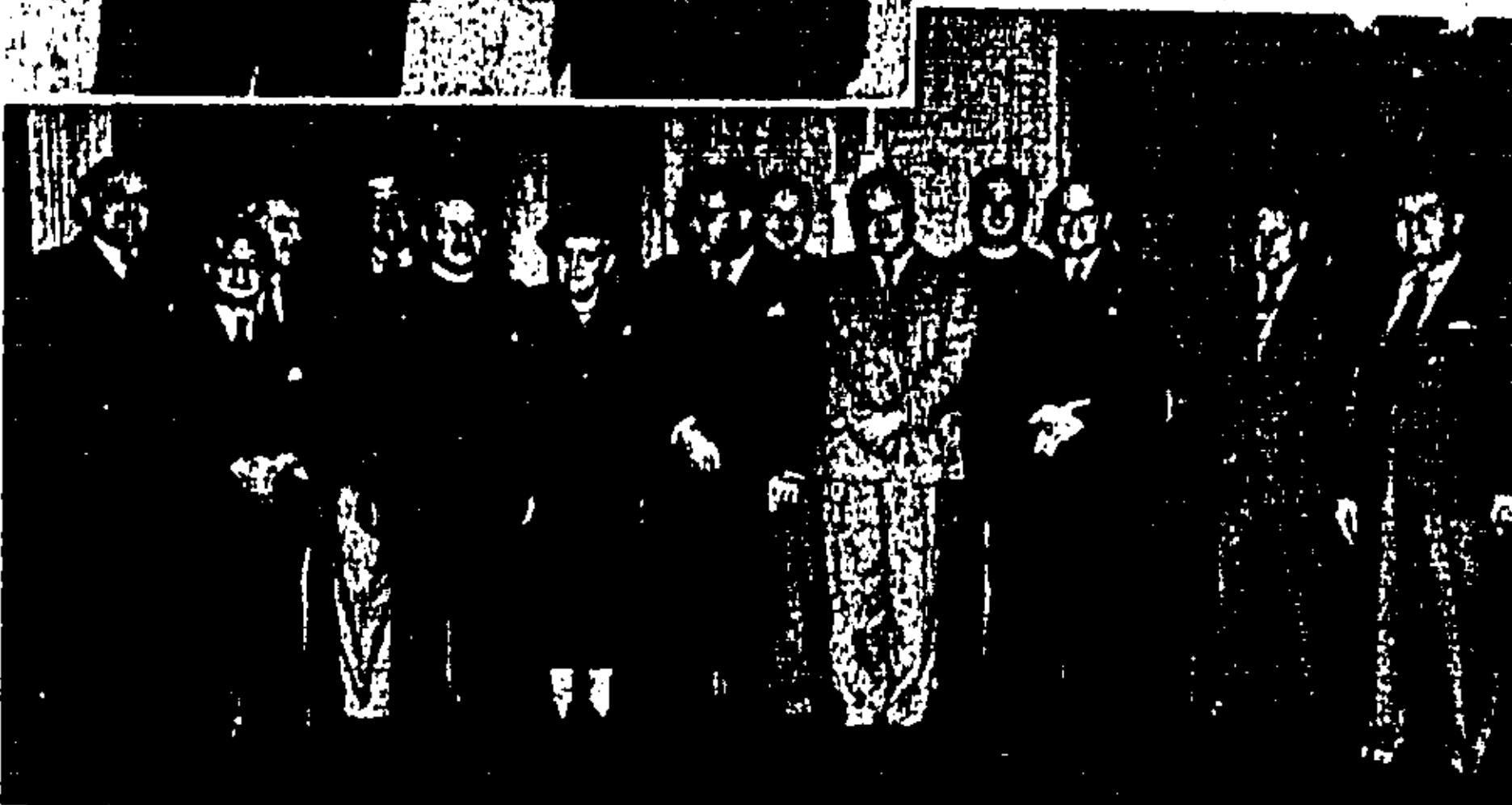
What the horse is to the Western farmer the water buffalo is to his Chinese counterpart. For all type of labour, such as ploughing a rice paddy the buffalo is a willing worker.—"China Mail" photo.





The Reverend F. W. Weaver, Chairman of the Port Welfare Committee, was presented with a souvenir by Mr. H. R. Johannessen on behalf of the shipping community at a party held in his honour. The Rev. Mr. Weaver is leaving shortly for the United Kingdom.—"China Mail" photo.

Group photo taken at a farewell party held in honour of the Reverend F. W. Weaver.—"China Mail" photo.



Major-General William "Wild Bill" Donovan, New York lawyer (right), photographed at a Press conference explaining the reasons for his trip to Hong Kong. He has been enlisted as legal opinion by Major-General Claire L. Chennault (left).—"China Mail" photo.



It's almost "woman overboard," but don't worry, pretty Pamela Deeming, British film actress, knows the ropes!

EVERY DAY SCENES



Police search pedestrians in the Central area following an armed robbery on Des Voeux Road last week.—"China Mail" photo.

Representatives of the locked-out tramways workers dance the "Yangko," Chinese Communist dance, outside the tramways premises.—"China Mail" photo.

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Wong Ching-ling, Chinese Olympic athlete, receives his trophy for winning the Hong Kong marathon race on New Year's Day.—
"Mayfair" photo.

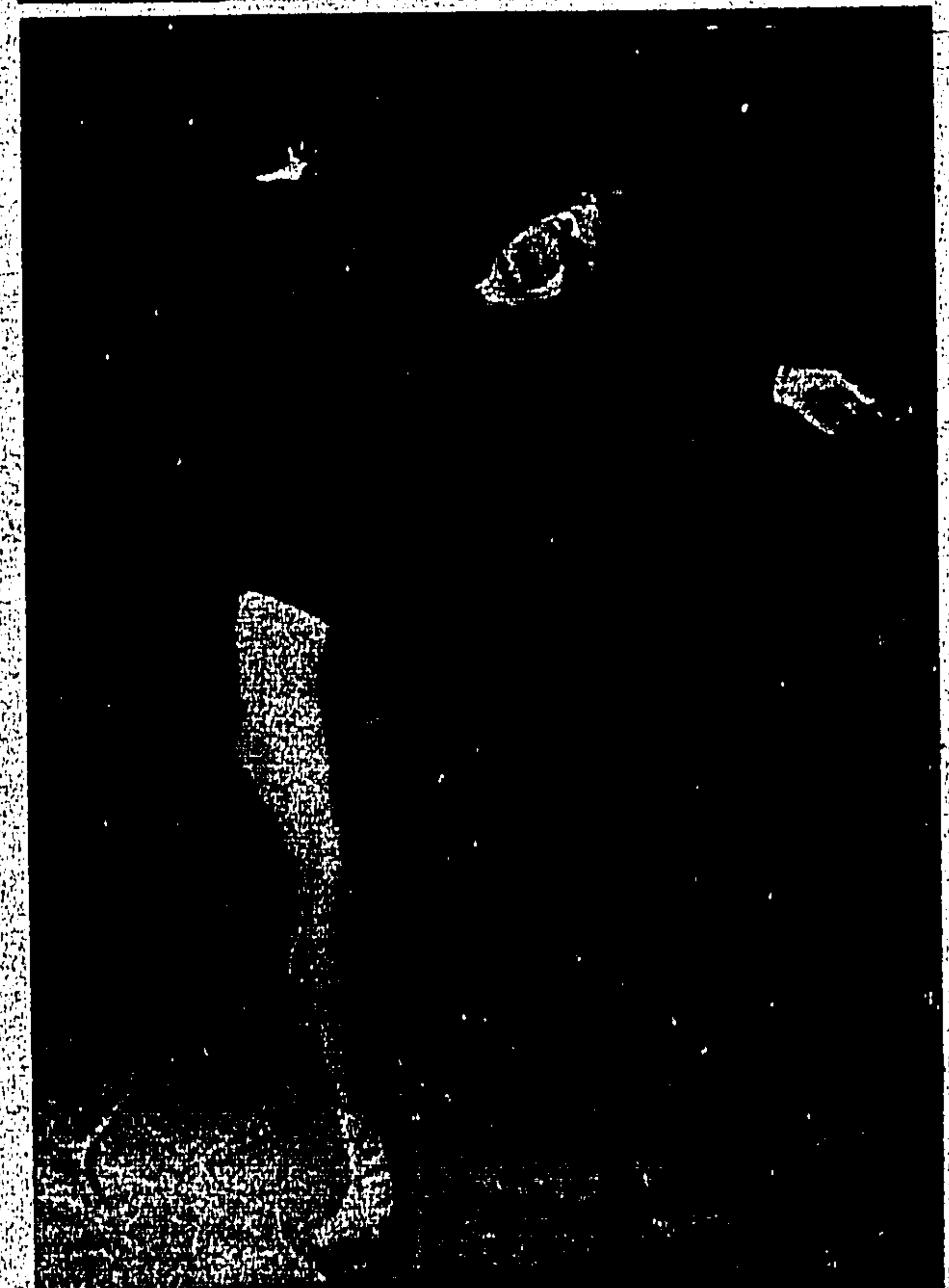


Mr. F. Golding, who won the singles lawn bowls championship of the Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club, receives his prize from Mrs. F. Duckworth.—
"Francis Wu" photo.



Contestants of the doubles tennis finals of the Army championships. Left are the winners, Lieutenant-Colonel Spence and Captain Turner-Cooke. The losers are Major Mitchell and Captain Stewart.—
"China Mail" photo.

Cutting a fine figure on ice is Maj. Britt, who hails from Stockholm.—
"China Mail" photo.





An impression of Shaokwan Bay as produced on canvas by Luis Chan, noted local painter, who will hold an exhibition of his paintings shortly.



It's dance time at a Barn Party held last month at the Hong Kong University's Ricci Hall. — "Ming Yuen" photo.



A Study in Oil could be the title of this work painted by Luis Chan.



Some of the entertainers who performed at the HKU Ricci Hall Barn Party. — "Ming Yuen" photo.



A group of tots present Christmas carols at a New Year concert held recently at the Chinese YMCA.



Photo taken at the Christmas party for the kiddies of the Union Church Sunday School. — "Ming Yuen" photo.

Father Christmas visits Anne and Heather MacRobert and their friends at the Christmas party. — "Mayfair" photo.



Student an honorary uncle



Christmas Day was busy for a 37-year-old Nigerian law student, Adisa Williams. He introduced King George's broadcast at three in the afternoon. Later he went to the Balfour Chidren's Society Home in Cheddar, Somerset, where he played with the young inmates. "What a Christmas," said Adisa. "I've never been so happy." Adisa is seen with some of the youngsters at Cheddar. (Associated Press Photo).

DEMOCRATIC SENATORS' ATTACK ON MACARTHUR

Washington, January 9.

Two Senate Democratic leaders charged today that General Douglas MacArthur inspired some of the Republican opposition to the Administration's hands off policy in China and Taiwan.

In floor speeches, Democratic leader Scott Lucas and Chairman Tom Connally of the Foreign Relations Committee also demanded that General MacArthur, Supreme Commander in Japan, find out who "leaked" the State Department document indicating that the United States had written off Taiwan to the Chinese Communists.

Their statement marked the first time the Democratic leadership has expressed publicly what it has been saying privately for some time.

Administration leaders have made no secret of the fact, though not for publication, that they hold General MacArthur's command responsible for the publication of the State Department document and for encouraging visiting Republicans to speak out for American intervention in the Far East.

Senator Connally told Senator H. Alexander Smith, recent visitor to Tokyo, that he believed General MacArthur was instrumental in helping Senator Smith to formulate his suggestion for American occupation of Taiwan. Senator Smith replied, "General MacArthur had never suggested anything to me until I asked specific questions. I initiated inquiries and he did not try to propagandize me."

Useless agitation

Senators Connally and Lucas made it clear that they believe someone on the staff of General MacArthur has made the secret State Department paper available to the Press.

The document advised American officials to prepare the public for the fall of Taiwan and told them to stress that the island was of no great strategic importance. Senator Lucas said, "The individual on General MacArthur's staff that leaked that to the Press ought to take off his uniform."

Senator Connally called on the General to find out who leaked that information on a highly important document.

Both leaders lashed out at the "useless agitation" on the Far East issue after Senator William Knowland challenged Mr. Dean Acheson (State Secretary) to tell the Foreign Relations Committee on Tuesday whether the military's views had been given any weight in forming the China policy.

"A liability" Chairman Connally told Senators Knowland and Smith and other Republican critics that in insisting on United States intervention in Taiwan they were advocating an action that could involve the United States in a shooting war.

He continued, "The Chiefs of Staff have found that Taiwan would be of no value to us from

NATIONALISTS ASK WASHINGTON FOR FINANCIAL HELP

Taipei, January 10.

The Premier, Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, revealed today that the Chinese Ambassador in Washington, Dr. Wellington Koo, has asked President Truman to make available to Nationalist China the \$75,000,000 anti-Communist fund, voted by Congress for the general China area. The Premier said the request was handed to the State Department two weeks ago, but so far no answer has been received.

Marshal Yen said it was his opinion that the silence meant favourable consideration.

Marshal Yen said that if financial aid is forthcoming, his government intends to take advantage of the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson's, suggestion that retired U.S. Army officers could come to Taiwan to serve as advisers. If they wanted to do so, Marshal Yen said: "We plan to contact some leading former military figures, but we have not decided to whom invitations will be extended. We must first know the extent of the possible U.S. financial assistance."

He would not mention names. He believes that the Nationalist government, now ensconced on this island, is morally entitled to US\$75,000,000, but does not want

to do anything to prejudice American consideration of the request.

Road open

Taiwan's Governor, K.C. Wu, agreed that Mr. Truman and Mr. Acheson had left a road open for financial aid.

He said that, although America had ruled out an extension of the China programme of ECA, "I hope and believe that, pending a definitive statement of official policy, in that respect Mr. Truman and Mr. Acheson are clearly holding out promise of help."

Mr. Wu also deplored the Western description of the China conflict as a "civil war." He said: "It is true that it is Chinese versus Chinese, but it is an international conflict. It is part of the universal cold war between two ideologies."

Madame Chiang

He redoubled his efforts after his return from Sun Moon lake last week.

The Generalissimo also visited Tamsui over the week-end to attend the military practices being held there.

No definite news regarding the date of Madame Chiang's arrival here is as yet known. Madame Chiang is due to arrive here from the United States.

In Manila, Foreign Office sources said that the Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Chen Ching, had been informed that Madame Chiang is expected in Manila about January 11 in a chartered plane.—United Press and Associated Press.

LONDON TALKS ON AUSTRIA

London, January 9.

The Russian representative, Mr. George Zarubin, in the Austrian treaty talks, told the Foreign Ministers' deputies today that he would enquire from Moscow by Friday what prospects there were of progress in the direct Soviet-Austrian negotiations on a clause in the Austrian peace treaty.

But, he added, he could not promise that he would be able to forecast their conclusion by then.

The direct negotiations are about Soviet claims on Austria for payment for civil supplies.

Russia has made agreement in these negotiations—covered by an article of the treaty—a condition for settling the other two economic articles.

The Russian deputy did not refuse to discuss two other unagreed articles dealing with displaced persons and refugees and with foreign technical aid for the Austrian army.

But the American deputy considered that in the present circumstances negotiations on these two questions would also be useless.—Reuter.

"FRANCE ON THE WRONG TRACK"

Bentfield, January 9.

Miss Dorothy Woodman today told the International Socialist Students' Conference on South East Asia here that France is "still on the wrong track in Vietnam."

Miss Woodman, editor of the British quarterly magazine, "Asian Horizon," said that the money France is spending in Vietnam is one of the main causes of a declining French standard of living.

Imperialism had disturbed the structure of the Far Eastern communities and the Press of Western Europe probably "does not realize in the least that the development of world history in the coming year will take place in Asia," she said.—Reuter.

SENATOR'S PLAN FOR TAIWAN

Washington, January 9.

Mr. Alexander Smith, Republican Senator of New Jersey, said in the United States Senate today that America should ask the Chinese Nationalists to stop fighting the Communists as a condition of American intervention in Taiwan.

Submitting a plan to prevent a threatened battle between the Nationalists and the Communists for Taiwan, now the seat of the Nationalist headquarters, Mr. Smith proposed that America should consider a joint occupation of the island until such time as the ultimate sovereignty of the island is determined.

Speaking during a debate on China policy, he said that he had first broached his idea to the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, by letter on December 27.

Mr. Smith, member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee who recently toured Taiwan, made it clear that United States occupation would mean only the establishment of a joint political authority and would not involve the sending of American troops to the island.

He also specified that and of hostilities by the Nationalists would include the lifting of their blockade.

He said that his plan would go far to deter the Communists from invading the island.

"The United States could pursue its policy of friendship and support for the free Chinese people without assuming a dangerous and unlimited military commitment," he said.—Reuter.

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Military government in Kwangchow

San Francisco, January 9.

The Communist Peking Radio reported tonight that a Military Control Committee was recently established at Chankiang (Kwangchow) following its "liberation" on December 19.

The broadcast added that order had been restored in this port city in South Lutchow Peninsula and that shops, schools, postal and telegraphic services, and land and water communications had all resumed operation.—Reuter.

the strategic point of view. Taiwan would be a liability.

Senator Knowland demanded to know whether the State Department had obtained the views of General MacArthur and Admiral A.W. Radford, Naval Commander in the Pacific, and whether there was any statement from the U.S. Chiefs of Staff saying that Taiwan is of no strategic importance.

Senator Knowland also urged that the December 23 Chinese Nationalist request for American help be made public.—United Press.

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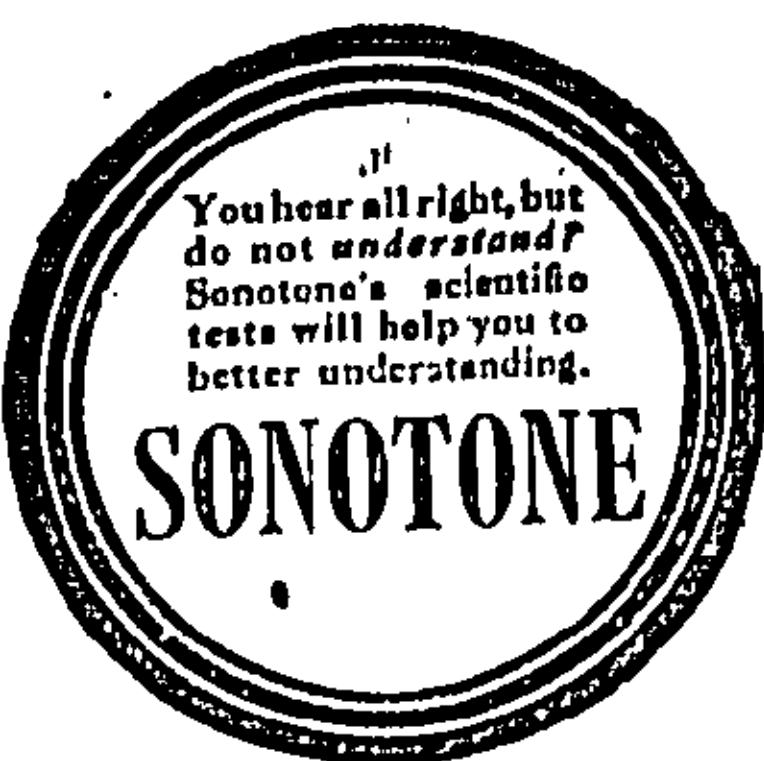
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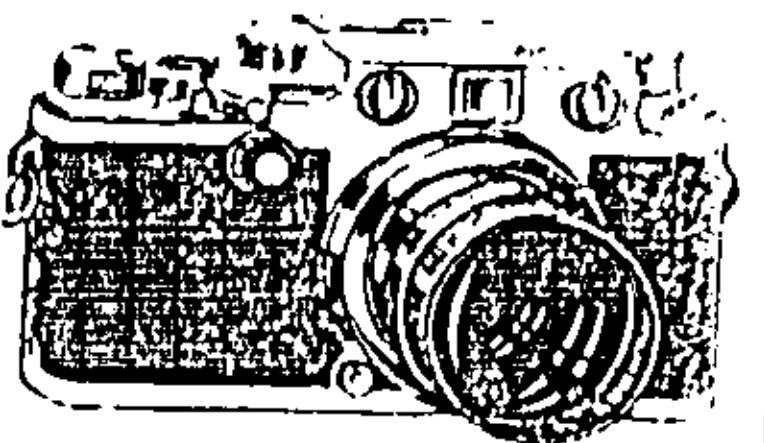
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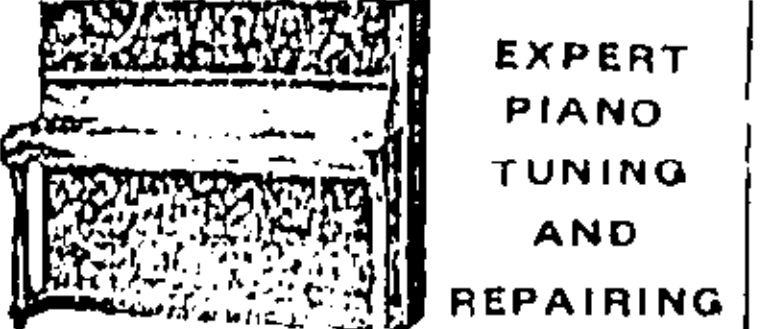
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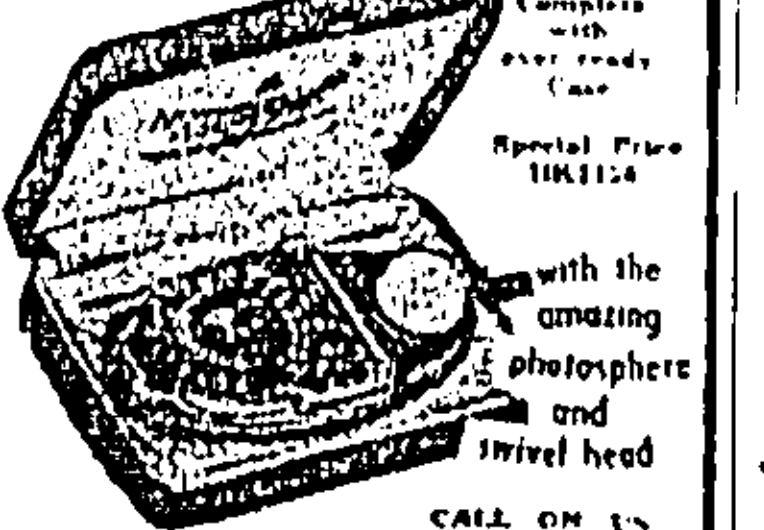
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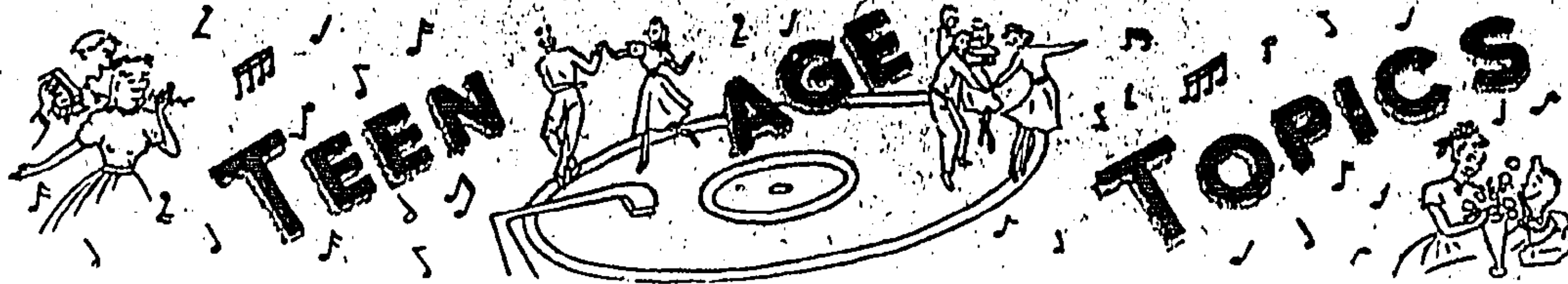
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Youngsters must keep health to reach goal

By Betty Betz

Try to balance your work and play with equal helpings of each. Although you may have a burning desire to get ahead, don't try to combine a full-time job during the day with five evening courses. Although night courses are excellent, you need at least a couple of evenings of sheer relaxation to keep you happy and successful in your job. Perhaps you're eager to complete your education, but if you do it in easy stages, you'll get a lot more out of it, and you'll work better at your job, too.



To work well, you must feel well! If all of you are young, strong, and pretty healthy, I gather you don't have to worry about rheumatism, arthritis, or the gout. Yet! But during the days of our "flaming youth" sometimes we feel a little too sure of ourselves and if we're not cautious, it's too easy to get burned out early in the game.



It takes a lot of stamina to hold down a job, and lack of sleep, or candy-bar lunches will soon reduce you to a pulp by 5 p.m. When you're young, you may be able to get away with this once in a while, but if you make it a habit, you may soon find yourself replaced by a sturdier character. A well-regulated social life is one of the best forms of insurance for your daily working day. Set shut-eye deadlines for yourself during the week and try to limit your big evenings to Friday and Saturday nights. Some kids think they'll be branded as "goody-goody" if they leave a party early during working week. Don't give it a second thought. If you ought to be asleep by midnight, let your



PEACE ASIAN NECESSITY

London, January 9. Sir Feroz Khan Noon, member of the Pakistan Constituent Assembly, said here today that unless there is permanent peace in the Asiatic countries it will be impossible to raise the standard of living of the backward countries.

Addressing a Press conference, he added that he feels that out of the Commonwealth, Foreign Ministers' conference at Colombo may grow the feeling that the Commonwealth should "hold peace" not only within its own boundaries but also in neighbouring countries.

Answering a question, Sir Feroz Khan Noon said that he personally is in favour of some arbitration machinery among the Commonwealth countries themselves. He pleaded for a new concept of the Commonwealth in which member nations could be united only for defence purposes and abolish any possibility of war among themselves.

Under this concept if any member transgressed by force the boundaries of another the rest of the members should declare war on it, he added.

This, he believes, will be the only way of reducing unproductive defence expenditure. Reuter.

come a Junior Man of Distinction, and the older gent's will probably think more of you if you order ginger ale in their company. Actually you need all your wits about you in business, and alcohol and tobacco frequently have a very diminishing effect on high I.Q. so if you start simply to keep up with the mob — don't do it.

A letter for Ronnie

There is a letter in the care of the Topics for Ronnie Ho, presumably in answer to his request which appeared in these columns last week. If you will call at the "China Mail" office at Windsor House, Mezzanine Floor, Ronnie, the letter will be passed to you.

Theatre management

By Charles P. Skouras

One of the most able movie theatre managers in this business, Mr. Skouras is president of National Theatre Amusements Co.

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PERSONALITY

Sussex-born, 17-year-old, Bridget Holt has had an interesting travel career. Until just before the Pacific War, Bridget was living in Shanghai, spending summer now and again in various parts of Japan. In 1940 she arrived in Manila and stayed there for the war years as a guest of the Japanese.

Bridget's next place of visit was the United States where she remained for four years prior to her arrival in the Colony. During her sojourn in America, our teen age friend roomed the country from California to New York. She lived for two and a half years on a ranch in Topanga Canyon in Los Angeles.

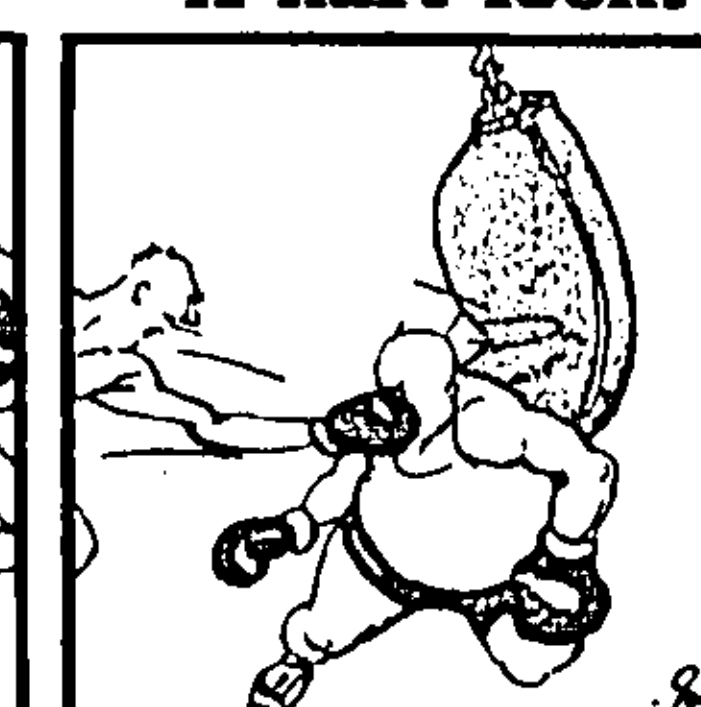
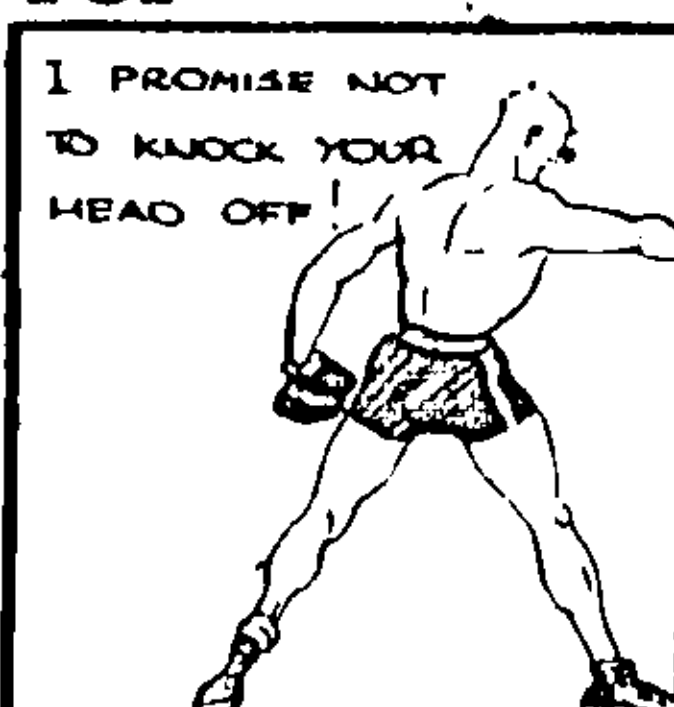


BRIDGET HOLT

Christmas, Bridget had been reading stories by Charles Dickens and claims that she has read every piece of writing by that classicist. Books currently popular with her are mystery novels.

Hockey and swimming are Bridget's favourite sports and her beautiful sun tan, a result of constant communion with the outdoor, is but one reason for her popularity among her teen age community.

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By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



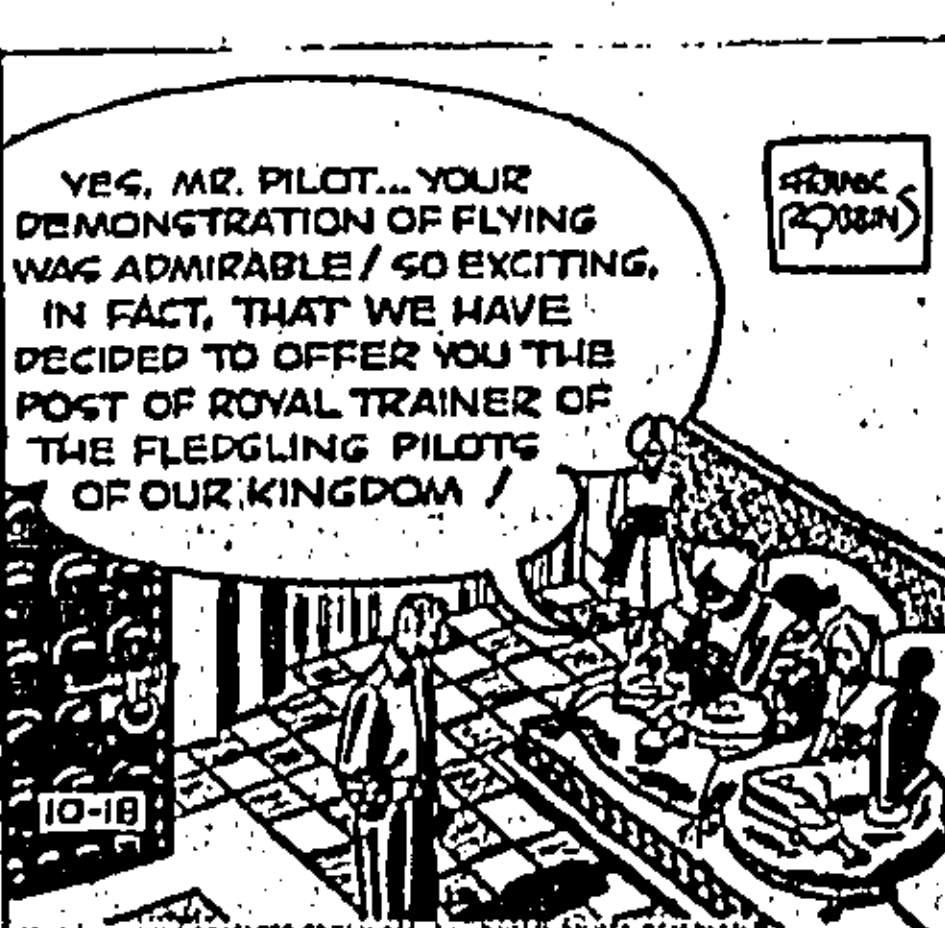
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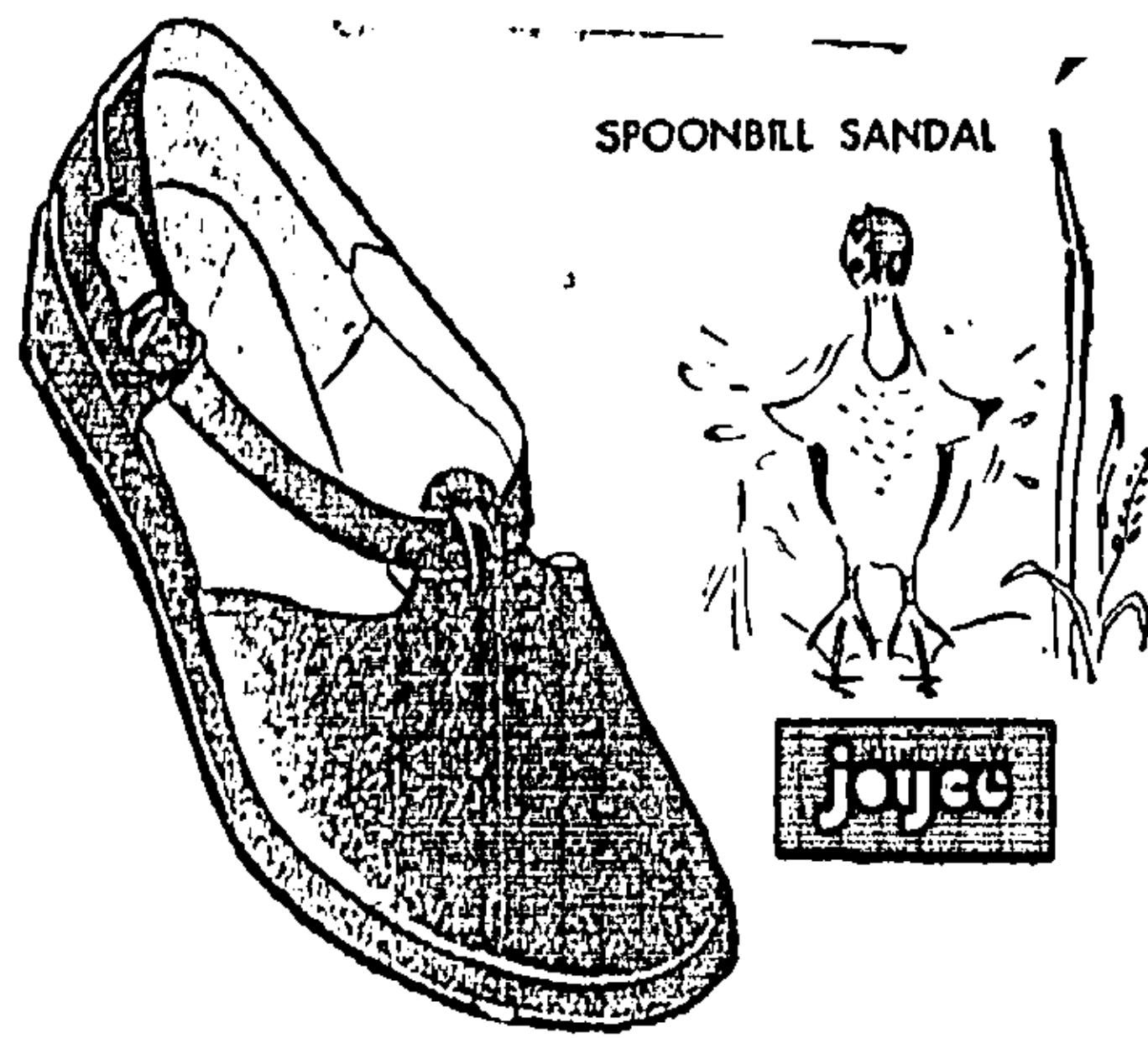
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Woman Today

Women win the West End battle of hats by IRIS ASHLEY



Sketches by
FRANCIS MARSHALL

TRY PRUNING YOURSELF

By "Yuki"

Trimming is a simple thing if you remember that it's nipping in the bud and not pruning when out of hand that counts. If you want elegance, and to be known as a well-bred woman, it's up to you to start pruning. It may seem childish to put it this way, but I think you'll see the point.

The vital part of the tree is the trunk. The same thing applies to you. Take a good look at your trunk, and then at your branches, asking yourself:

My trunk

Is it erect, or does it sag in the middle? Does it appear top-heavy, my head looting instead of being straight? Have I rounded not straight, limbs?

My branches

Are my arms too gawky to be graceful? Do I firmly plant myself on my feet, or do I get the "sways" when nervous? To stand correctly, there are three rules to learn:

1. Head up.
2. Chin in.
3. Chest out.

Of course, even if you exag-

gerate this when practising, you have to learn the perfect medium. No tree that is artificially laced back and pushed, could have the grace of the naturally-grown grown tree. You must learn to appear natural, even though your dignified carriage is the result of hours of strenuous practice.

Now take a glance at your limbs and, in particular, your shoulders. A tree's limbs are mostly to the fore when the tree has shed its leaves. The same thing applies to you. What of strapless evening frocks? What of swimming costumes? How will your shoulders fare then? I dare say a great many will look as if they are still bowed down with a winter-weight coat, not throwing off all its cares and looking for a bright time. Start on some exercises now.

Stand erect, with arms at shoulder level, bend your elbows, and place your hands on your shoulders. Keeping your arms in that position, raise both elbows above your head, and then lower to the chest, and swing back as far as possible. Repeat this about five or six times. This exercise is marvellous for the shoulders.

There is a rhythm you should practise, in which the shoulders are co-ordinated with the walk.

The correct movement should carry back the shoulder opposite the foot which advances. As the left foot comes forward a step, so the right shoulder swings back. Exaggerate it while practising, until the movement becomes spontaneous and a natural grace.

Now for your branches. Your arms, to be exact. Are they gawky? I think you must first learn to use your hands, not leave them lying limply by your side. Of course, French gestures, picturesque though they are, were never meant for Britons, so don't confuse the issue. Don't fold your arms. It is not merely unbecoming, it is coarse, vulgar.

Now, working downwards, what of your feet? For good balance, the full weight of your body must fall over the ankle joint. Beauty is an impossibility if you shuffle or slump along. And don't push your head forward as you walk ... you're neither a bloodhound nor a native tracker.

Stand firmly. If you are nervous, you don't want everyone to suspect it. The best camouflage for nervousness is to appear confident, and the way to appear confident is to stand fairly and squarely. Practise standing straight on one foot, the other knee drawn up.

Bearing and carriage are associated with breeding and character, those things that are most essential to beauty. So look, to it.

There has been a battle royal in London's West End as to whether or no women should wear hats at night in places where evening dress is demanded on the dance floor.

The ladies (and fashion) have won, and until they get used to it all the restaurateurs are no doubt crying into their little hankies.

But let's play fair. As opposed to day-time headgear, an evening hat is really only meant to be a little fal-lal to balance the effect of short hair and short dresses. The evening hat must simply enhance the general effect of a toilet completed to the last detail, and should not change the facial contour of the wearer as real hats are apt to do.

To show what we mean, Francis Marshall has sketched four hats by famous designers. At the top are two by Anne Thorup (he designs for the Royal Family); on the left a black felt crown fits the head and is cut rather high at the back like a baby's bonnet, the fly-away brim is of black velvet, a becoming hat to wear from lunch till 7 p.m. for dinner or theatre—too much hat.

The other is an enchanting small grey velours trimmed with black chenille pompons; so smart and pretty all day, definitely too heavy in material for the dance floor.

From designer Erik come two little glamour tips which are intended for evening. On the left a velvet cap "ingot-stitched" with jet beads, and pretty little rings on the veil. On the lower right, a hat of horsehair lace, light as air, with a few large sequins accentuating its transparency.

RECIPES

Sausage meat balls

1½ lb sausage meat, 1 tablespoon finely chopped parsley, 1 tablespoon flour, 1 small onion, 3 tablespoons water, salt, pepper, pinch herbs, extra flour, egg glazing, breadcrumbs.

Chop the onion finely and place in a saucepan with the sausage meat, tablespoon flour, water, salt and pepper. Stir over low heat until the meat changes colour. Add the parsley and herbs and turn on to a plate to cool. Roll the mixture into small balls between the floured hands. Dip in egg glazing and toss in breadcrumbs. Wet fry until golden brown, 3 to 5 minutes. Drain well and serve very hot with carrot straws and French fried potatoes.

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"PILOT PROJECTS" FOR MIDDLE EAST NATIONS

Lake Success, January 9.

REBELS' OFFER REJECTED

Jakarta, January 9. Press despatches reaching Jakarta said that leaders of the Indonesian extremist Moslem organisation, the Darul Islam, had proposed a cease-fire on the condition that their rebel forces be recognised, but that their offer was turned down by the Republican Government.

The ultimatum offered these despatches said, was made to Colonel Sadihan, Republican Army commander for Western Java, in rejecting the irregular offer, the Republican Government said it would not recognise except the legal and accepted Republican Army, according to the reports.

The Government was quoted as saying that the rebels would be allowed to disband or join the Republican Army, but would not be recognised as a separate force. The military spokesman in Jakarta was silent on the reports.

Meanwhile Press reports said that the irregular group, under a Dutch captain named Wier, had demanded recognition. Other reports during recent months have connected Captain Wier with members of the Darul Islam organisation. The Republican army is believed to have issued orders last week for the arrest of the former Dutch captain, but he escaped into the hills, United Press.

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Four "pilot demonstration projects" to show Middle Eastern countries how to turn their deserts into green fields and to raise the living standards of their peoples, were recommended today by economic experts of the United Nations.

The experts, members of the recent Gordon Clapp Economic Survey Mission to the Middle East, proposed irrigation measures for Jordan, Arab Palestine, the Lebanon and Syria, but warned that the Middle Eastern countries had to break with the "habit of inertia" and that there was not much prospect of substantial foreign credits on a business basis.

In the Arab countries, "any considerable increase in revenue requires reform in taxation which would shift a larger share of the obligation on the wealthy groups."

Outlining the demonstration projects, the report said, "Peace and stability cannot be achieved in the Middle East until the masses of its people are able to enjoy a higher standard of living than at present."

The four projects selected would involve technical work on a small but important scale and give the Governments of the countries concerned experience in planning and execution.

A modelled agriculture, it said, "would allow for industrial crops as well as foodstuffs, but to talk of plans now of industrial crops, many of these countries in terms appropriate to the great industrial centres of the world would be to fly in the face of nature and commonsense."

Israel's position

The Mission said that Israel had a higher standard of living than the Arab countries and faced a different situation. But "even if the country included the whole of Palestine, the land and water resources thus available, however ingeniously arranged and exploited, could not offer hope of supporting the present standard of living for the existing population."

Other proposals by the Mission were for each Middle Eastern Government to set up a National Development Board for recommending projects and providing for their execution, and the creation of a fund, not exceeding 10,000,000, by the Governments, represented on the new Advisory Commission of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees.

Four projects

The four projects proposed: 1.-Jordan. The Wadi Zerga project. It is proposed that this watershed area be developed completely and as a unit. Roads would be constructed to make the area easily accessible. A dam of rock and earth would be built

EXPERIMENT IN PHILIPPINES

The Reverend Father Kevin O'Dwyer, who recently returned to Hong Kong from a tour of the Philippines on behalf of the Food and Agriculture Organisation, told the International Study Group yesterday that the Government of the Philippines has embarked on an ambitious agricultural rehabilitation experiment which is certainly worth watching.

Speaking in the Public Relations Lecture Hall before the newly-formed non-political body, the International Study Group, Father O'Dwyer discussed current progress in the Philippines from the point of view of the agriculturist bent on extracting the best and the most from the land.

The speaker was introduced by the Chairman of the ISG, Dr. E. S. Kirby, lecturer of Economics at the University of Hong Kong. Dr. Kirby outlined the activities of the Group in the months ahead.

Father O'Dwyer, who is staying at Rieci Hall, said the economy of the Philippines is essentially an agricultural one, as about 80 per cent of the population live on the land. Crops are varied and not fixed in locations, but in general the fibres—the coconut palm, abaca and ramie—seem to be concentrated in the South, while rice is mainly centred in Luzon.

Father O'Dwyer said he saw sugar in all areas. Fish ponds were "likewise" to be found in most places.

Unbalanced

The picture of the Philippines, as he saw it, was of a country with an unbalanced economy, but with a very great potential for production of goods by which the gap could

Russian scientist on atomic energy

Poona, January 9.

Professor Engelhardt, director of the Pavlov Physiological Institute in Moscow and leading Soviet scientist, said today that the Russians' atomic research began only recently.

He said the Soviet had not the least intention of using the atomic discovery for any destructive purpose and was using it primarily for blasting work in the mountains.

Professor Engelhardt attended the concluding session of the Indian Science Congress after a four-day journey from the Soviet capital via Central Asia. He will tour India for a month—United Press.

Secondary Egyptian elections

Cairo, January 9.

The victorious Wafd Party expects to win at least 40 more seats tomorrow when Egyptians in 77 constituencies vote in the secondary elections before the formation of a new Wafdist Government.

The Wafd is already assured of an absolute Parliamentary majority, having won 161 of the 319 seats in last Tuesday's general election. Since then, seven Independent and one Liberal constitutionalist have gone over to the Wafd, giving Nahas Pasha's Reformist and pro-Western Party a minimum of 169 seats.

Tomorrow's voting will be in areas where no candidate won an absolute majority. This is a requirement of Egyptian electoral law.

Premier Hussein Sirry Pasha's caretaker government, which ran the elections, is expected to resign on Thursday. Then, King Farouk, is expected to summon Nahas Pasha and ask him to form a new Cabinet.

Nahas has pledged abolition of martial law and censorship when he takes office. Wafdist sources predict that the Wafd will propose for Royal approval a "Cabinet" with Nahas Pasha as Premier and Foreign Minister. They expect other key posts to be held by these Wafdist veterans: Interior, Faud-Serag el Din Pasha, Secretary General of the Wafd Party; Ahmed Hamza Bey; Public Works, Osman Moharram Pasha; Sirry Pasha is expected to become chief of the Royal Cabinet handling contacts between the new Government and the Palace.—Associated Press.

MASS EDUCATION IN CHINA

San Francisco, January 9.

Chinese in Communist China who do not know how to read or write are learning to do so under a mass education movement embracing millions of peasants and workers, Peking Radio reported today.

The long-term aim of this movement is the elimination of illiteracy among the masses of the Chinese people, the Radio said. The broadcast added, "This growing movement is inseparable from the agrarian reform which is sweeping away the root cause of rural illiteracy—feudalism and its crushing poverty of millions. Marked results have been seen in Manchuria where agrarian reform has been thoroughly carried out."—Reuter.

MINERS REJECT WAGE PROPOSAL

London, January 9.

Miners in Scotland, Yorkshire and Lancashire today rejected proposals by their leaders that they should forgo wage increases for a year to aid the British economic recovery. The possibility has been suggested that the 750,000-strong National Union of Mineworkers may join the 750,000 engineers and 400,000 railwaymen to lend the fight against the official wage "controls" policy of the Trades Union Congress.

The leaders of all 137 unions affiliated to the Trades Union Congress will meet in London on Thursday to take a final decision on the wages policy.—Reuter.

TEXTILE IMPORTS IN HOLLAND

London, January 9.

Holland has lifted the restriction on the import of textiles from a number of countries as from next Monday. "Hilversum Radio" said today. These countries include Britain and the Commonwealth, France and many European territories.

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"CORFU"	28th January	4th February	
"CANTON"	4th February	11th February	
"CANTON"	11th February	18th February	
"CANTON"	18th February	25th February	
"CANTON"	25th February	4th March	
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"CORFU"	19th January	
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	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TJIBADAK"	19th Jan.	13th Jan.
"TJIBALENGKA"	7th Feb.	31st Jan.

MANILA

	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TJIBAMPEK"	25th Jan.	
"TJIBADAK"	23rd Feb.	
"TJIBALENGKA"	14th Mar.	21st Feb.

SINGAPORE, PENANG and BELAWAN DELI

	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"VAN HEUTSZ"	12th Jan.	In port
"TJIBADAK"	19th Jan.	13th Jan.
"TJIBALENGKA"	7th Feb.	31st Jan.

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	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
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"TJIBADAK"	23rd Feb.	
"TJIBALENGKA"	14th Mar.	21st Feb.

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	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TJIBADAK"	15th Jan.	11th Jan.
"TJIBAMPEK"	22nd Jan.	
"TJIBADAK"	20th Feb.	
"TJIBALENGKA"	11th Mar.	

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	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TJIBADAK"	Late Feb.	20th Jan.
"TJIBAMPEK"	Early Mar.	Early Feb.

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JAPAN

	SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
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"TJIBAMPEK"	Early Feb.	Early Mar.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

INDONESIA LOOKS FOR A BANK LOAN

Washington, January 9.

The newly-created United States of Indonesia has asked the Export-Import Bank for a loan, Dr. Soemitro, the Republic's first Charge d'Affaires in the United States, announced today. Dr. Soemitro, disclosed the request after he had presented his credentials to the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

Things were not so robust on the Exchange yesterday; in fact there seemed a disposition to hold aloof and wait.

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